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SMITH RIVER 1993 ANNUAL REPORT

1. Introduction

The Smith River Annual Report has been prepared by the Montana Department of FIsh, Wildlife & Parks Region Four office since 1980. These reports provide a yearly statistical and observational record of recreational use and management activity on the Smith. This report was prepared by the river manager with assistance from other Department staff, both seasonal and permanent, and covers the time period of November 1992 through October 1993.

The 1993 float season on the Smith River was a year of record rainfall and river flows with wet weather and high water the rule rather than the exception. This was in marked contrast to 1992 when low water dominated the float season. In looking at the season in review, it is difficult to separate the impact of new and unique regulations on use from the impact of weather and water. Perhaps it is best to view one year on the river like one bend on the river, our attention focused only on the deep, dark pool at hand, the murmur of the current on boats and the immediate and powerful vista in front of us now. The future is obscured by mist and the haze of distance and the past imprinted in our mind as memories of sight, sound and smell.

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Parks Manager

2. Annual Rule

The Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks Commission adopted the final Smith River 1993 Allocation Rule on Oct. 16, 1992. This rule became part of the 1993 Smith Allocation Rule, approved by the Commission on March 13, 1992, and the 1992/93/94 Biennial Parks Fee Rule. These regulations set the river capacity at nine launches, or groups, per day. This was the first time that the total number of people launching per day was limited on any Montana river.

Sixteen authorized outfitters were limited to one launch per day

except on Tuesdays and Wednesdays of the high use period, defined as May 22 through July 3. These outfitters were chosen based on historic use during 1989 - 1991. One of the authorized outfitters sold his launches to another authorized outfitter. One of these launches was resold to yet another authorized outfitter. This left 15 authorized outfitters at the beginning of the float season.

Another major change put forward by the Commission was requiring all floaters to pre-register for launch dates. Applications for launches were available in January and assignment of launch dates began on February 16th with a drawing for any dates with over 8 private launch applications. After February 16th, launch applications were taken on a first-come, first-served basis. Both private and outfitted floaters were also required to declare where they intended to camp each night when registering to float. This was done at the put-in, utilizing a "declaration board" displaying campsites and dates. In the past, campsite declaration and pre-registration had been voluntary for private floaters and in 1992, only mandatory for outfitted floaters.

The other major change was an increase in outfitter fees from $15.00 to $65.00 per outfitted floater. This additional $50.00 was to be placed in the corridor enhancement account along with 10% of all other fees.

Complete regulations are included as Appendix A.

3. Season Activities

A. Administration

Administration of the Smith River is similar to that of other units of the State Park System and includes a varied mix of activities, including public meetings, personnel actions, preparation of reports and memos, purchasing of supplies and equipment, researching management issues and information gathering, maintenance, on-site actions and telephone and written communications with recreationists, landowners and other agencies.

Significant off season activities were dominated by developing procedures for implementing the new rule, in particular the pre-registration and campsite declaration procedures. Public comment was solicited specifically on how these regulations could best be administered and many good comments were received and integrated into the final product. "Fine tuning" continued through-out the float season.

New forms were developed, the declaration board was updated and modified, pre-registration notebooks were assembled and regional office and river staff were trained in the new procedures.

Two new river rangers were hired, Chris Lorentz and Scott Zerba;

both graduates of the University of Montana School of Forestry Recreation Management Program. Early season trips were made to Camp Baker to prepare for the season, and the light snowpack allowed access through private ground to mid-canyon boatcamps for maintenance and to drop off supplies for the spring workfloat.

Five meetings were held with the Smith River Adhoc Committee (SRAC). The SRAC was formed in 1984 and is an advisory group representing the three major affected publics on the Smith, landowners, floaters and outfitters and the two involved agencies, the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks and the Lewis and Clark National Forest. The group acts as a sounding board for management proposals and a link, both directly and as representatives, from FWP to the river community. The SRAC helped establish the final regulation implementation procedures and one member, Emil Nygard, participated in the spring workfloat.

Department representatives also attended five meetings of the Smith River Coordinated Resource Management Commission(SRCRMC), a group of landowners, individuals, organizations and agency representatives based in the White Sulphur Springs area and concerned with management of the river. This group, sponsored by the Soil Conservation Service, addresses a wide variety of issues with water quality and elk management as the primary issues during this year. A sign informing recreationists and asking for their help in controlling weeds at Newlan Resivor was erected by a work party on a blustery, cold evening.

Numerous landowner contacts were made throughout the reporting period. This included maintenance of four existing floatgates. Consistent high water eliminated the need for new floatgates. Leases were renewed or continued for 8 boatcamps on private land. The lease for the Eden Bridge takeout was also continued. These leases cost a total of $2,916.00 in fishing license dollars.

A challenge cost-share agreement with the Lewis and Clark National Forest was renewed for a second year. This agreement made $6,000 available to FWP for maintenance of the Forest Service lands along the river including 10 boatcamps: $2,002.38 was used for wages and benefits, $3,024.03 for operations and $973.59 for administration of the agreement.

Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks budget expenditures from September 1992 through August 1993 were:

Salaries - $31,747.78
Wages - $11,506.52
Benefits - $10,823.95
Supplies & Materials - $6,922.54
Communications - $2,912.75
Travel - $5,689.88
Rent - $1,770.60
Utilities - $339.22

Repair & Maintenance - $4,661.68
Other Services - $5,639.88

for $27,936.55 in operations and $54,078.25 in personnel totaling $82,014.80.

$69,402.35 in floater's fees were collected. This represents 85 percent of the FWP project budget. The Biennial Fee Rule requires that outfitters be refunded the amount paid by each to the U.S. Forest Service. This amounted to $1,554.66 and should be considered a reduction in the amount of fees collected for the 1992 season.

B. Registration

The Department administers pre-registration for Smith River launch dates from the Great Falls office. A voluntary pre-registration system had been in place since 1986 and most components of it were carried forward. Applications for private launches were available in January and assignment of launch dates began on February 16th, with a drawing for any dates with over 8 private launch applications. After February 16th, launch applications were taken on a first-come, first-served basis. Notebooks with applications and a daily and season summary were kept in Great Falls with the season summary sent to the Helena and Bozeman offices when updated. All applications were date stamped upon receipt and processed on at least a weekly basis.

Floaters are required to register their trips during the entire year.

Self-registration was available at Camp Baker when rangers were not present. 213 self registration packets were put in the registration box. Of these, 173 were used by float groups, 34 were unaccounted for, and 6 were used improperly. This is a 81 percent utilization rate.

Groups launching from a mid-canyon location are also required to register and pay fees. This type of use was administered by telephone, walk-in or mail from the Great Falls headquarters. 24 mid-stream launch and/or takeout floats registered during the 1993 season: 16 groups were landowners along the river, 6 groups were private floaters launching with landowner permission and 2 groups were outfitted trips. Landowners day-floating with immediate family were exempt from user fees, although still counted as one of the 9 daily launches and required to register.

A registration form/permit was completed by all float groups and is shown as Appendix B. Boat tags must be displayed by float groups in order to improve craft identification. Parties registered by the rangers had one tag for each boat and self-registered parties had one tag per group. The tags were attached to the rear of the craft, an example is shown as Appendix C. Different colored tags were used

for private floaters, outfitted floaters, mid-stream launches and self pay/registered groups.

Forty four groups arrived at the Camp Baker put-in with no pre-registration. They were able to utilize unallocated launches. If a group had not arrived or called by 4 pm, that launch also became available to "walk-ons". Forty seven groups were "no-shows" during the shoulder seasons and 36 groups no-showed during the high use period of May 22 through July 11.

C. Floater's Log

Each group was given a floaters log (Appendix D) to fill out during their trip and deposit at the Eden Bridge take-out. The logs provide instant feedback on the condition of the river. They allow the Department to better understand use on the river and to measure the amount of use each boatcamp receives. Floaters are asked where they stayed and the condition of the campsites. Of the 713 groups that floated during 1992, 461 returned floater's logs for a 65 percent return rate.

In order to evaluate the sucess of campsite declaration, the following questions were asked : 1) Did you share this campsite?, 2) Did you feel crowded? 3) Was this your declared site? The response to these questions was:

	During High Use Season 5/22-7/11		Total Season	
	Yes	No	Yes	No
1) Did you share this campsite?	18%	82%	14%	86%
2) Did you feel crowded?	10%	90%	7%	93%
3) Was this your declared site?	92%	8%	88%	12%

The logs also asked floaters if they did not stay at their declared site, why not? The most common reason was weather, followed by conflicts with other parties, campsite preference, schedule changes, declaration problems, miscellaneous and equipment. The 131 reported incidences of not staying in a declared site represents 5.8 percent of the estimated 2,243 group nights on the river during the 1993 season.

Floaters were asked to rank the condition of the specific boatcamps they stayed in and their fishing and floating experience. They were asked if they witnessed any fishing, trespass or littering violations while on their trip and for any other comments about the boatcamps or their trip and river management in general. A complete listing of the comments received are included as Appendix E.

D. Administrative Floats

Twenty-nine floats were taken during the 1993 season for the purposes of managing the Smith River. Eighteen of these were ranger

patrols, one was to check weed bio-control release sites on the river, three were law enforcement patrols and three were for cultural resource surveys including the second year of an archeological inventory of rock art in the Smith River Canyon. Two trips were orientation float trips with the Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks Commission and four Russian students interning with the Department. Department personnel and volunteers spent a total of 350 man days on the Smith River during 1993.

304 floater and 60 landowner documented contacts were made during the ranger river patrols. Each boatcamp was checked for litter and resource damage on every patrol. Fire rings were cleaned and extra firerings were removed and reclaimed. The most common type of litter continues to be metal and glass thrown into fire rings and half-burned.

Four floatgates were maintained. Private property was checked for floater use and signs posted and/or replaced where trespass was or has been observed. Numerous fishing licenses were checked and four cases of possible illegal outfitting were investigated with the help of the enforcement division and the Montana Board of Outfitters.

Three new boatcamps were established. Canyon Depth (Forest Service) and Paradise Bend (FWP) were campsites that had been used in the past. Crowsfoot (FWP) was a new site entirely. Thirteen additional latrines were placed at mutiple campsite boatcamps to increase separation between campsites. Seven new campsite signs were installed, and numerous signs relocated from trees onto posts. Twenty-five latrines required relocating due to high use. Latrine screening was installed at three campsites in order to provide greater privacy at multiple campsite boatcamps. Other maintenance activities included installing boat tie-up posts, cutting stairs in steep banks and brushing out of camping areas.

E. Boat Camp Use

Twenty-six boatcamps containing 53 campsites were available for floaters to utilize along the Smith River in 1993. Eight of these are owned by the Department, eight are leased by the Department from private landowners and ten are located on the Lewis and Clark National Forest.

Table One was derived from ratings given by groups completing a floaters log. The numbers compiled from the card were adjusted to reflect an estimate of total use. "User nights" refers to the number of floaters that camped in each site while "group nights" refers to how many groups camped in each site. The rankings are presented as a percentage of responses under "good", "fair" and "poor" on the floaters logs.

TABLE ONE : 1993 SMITH RIVER BOATCAMP RANKING AND ESTIMATED USE

BOATCAMP	USER NIGHTS	GROUP NIGHTS	RANKING GOOD	(%) FAIR	POOR
SPRING CREEK	136	39	96	4	0
IN LIEU	13	2	67	0	33
INDIAN SPRINGS	762	13	94	5	1
MOUTH OF ROCK CREEK	557	102	92	8	0
SCOTTY ALLEN	792	158	85	13	2
DRY CANYON	378	73	86	14	0
CANYON DEPTH	453	99	92	6	2
TWO CREEK	238	46	58	35	7
SHEEP WAGON	416	73	90	8	2
COW COULEE	869	148	93	4	3
SUNSET CLIFF	779	147	90	10	0
COUNTY LINE	90	20	64	36	0
BEAR GULCH	336	77	74	16	10
TROUT CREEK	656	110	87	13	0
CROWSFOOT	148	32	48	29	23
TABLE ROCK	424	77	87	7	6
FRAUNHOFER	664	115	80	12	8
UPPER PARKER	270	44	100	0	0
PARKER FLAT	323	58	88	10	2
PARADISE BEND	366	73	95	3	2
STAIGMILLER	24	5	50	25	25
MERGANSER BEND	162	41	64	36	0
BLACK BUTTE	257	55	86	10	4
RIDGETOP	997	180	90	8	2
GIVEN'S GULCH	634	115	80	17	3
RATTLESNAKE BEND	476	85	84	16	0
TOTAL	11219	2243	86	11	3

F. Camp Baker

Funding allows the Department to meet a staffing priority of fulltime coverage at Camp Baker during the float season. This is the most effective method of contacting floaters. On-river patrols move at about the same speed of other floaters and so have limited success at contacting a large number of floaters. Two rangers allowed for river patrols while still covering Camp Baker.

Finishing touches were put on the Camp Baker water system installed in 1992, including installing a iron filter system and shaping and seeding of disturbed areas with native grass seed.

A river flow gauge was installed in 1992 downstream of the launch area in cooperation with Ron Shields of the United States Geologic Survey Helena office. The pre-existing gauge at the Camp Baker bridge doesn't include the flows of Sheep Creek, which enters just upstream of the launch area. This total flow information will help river users to know what sort of water conditions to expect on the river. Although it may take several seasons to understand what the new flow measurement means in terms of float speed and experience, this gauge will eliminate the guesswork of estimating the widely varying flow of Sheep Creek.

G. Eden Bridge

The Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks Department leases aproximately 3.5 acres from two landowners for the Eden Bridge Fishing Access Site and Smith River takeout. This action ensures legal use of the entire landing area.

Volunteers, many from the Great Falls Good Sam Club provided security and help to floaters by serving as on-site hosts at Eden Bridge. This host program eliminates vandalism at Eden Bridge and provides highly valued assistance to floaters coming off the river.

Garbage dumpsters were provided during the heavy use period under contract. A barrel was placed at the takeout for recycling of alumnium cans. Proceeds from the recycling was donated to the Good Sams Club treasury.

H. Weed Control

Weed control at Eden Bridge is provided by the landowner as part of the lease agreement. Mechanical weed control of thistle and mullan was done at Camp Baker. Biological control of leafy spurge through flea beetle releases is in its third year with monitoring of populations being done cooperatively with the King's Hill Ranger District of the Lewis and Clark National Forest. The bug releases were done as part of a cooperative effort with the Smith River Coordinated Resource Management Commission and Meagher County.

I. Volunteer Activity

Thirty-three citizen volunteers contributed 2,982 hours to the Smith River program during the 1993 season through the coordination effort of Lucille Lundin, Region 4 Volunteer Coordinator. This included host services at Eden Bridge and Camp Baker, shuttle drivers, preparation of mailings, manning the front desk at the regional headquarters, assisting on ranger patrols, and assisting in maintenance at Camp Baker and elsewhere in the river corridor.

Volunteers add immeasurably to the Smith program. Vandalism is stopped at Eden Bridge when a host is present and floaters are given a highly valued assist in easing their return to the "civilized" world. Volunteers multiply the Department's maintenance impact on the river and allow citizens a first hand view of the Department's activities. The interaction between volunteers and Department staff helps us to gain insight on public opinion and to improve the program in many ways.

J. Fee Waivers

The 1992-94 fee rule allows for waivers of fees and group size limits for groups floating for bona fide "educational or scientific purposes". This follows the State Parks Fee Rule which also allows such waivers. The groups must make application for the waiver and provide documentation of their educational status and the educational purposes of their trip.

Seven groups received waivers during the 1993 season. They were;

- Winifred High School Science Class, 20 people, May 8 - 11
- White Sulphur Springs 7th Graders, 26 people, May 13 from

Camp Baker to Elk Canyon Ranch, cooperative project with the Smith River Coordinated Resource Commission with assistance from Paul Roos Outfitters
- Salish Kootnei College School of Forestry, 11 people, May 27 - June 1
- Southwest Adolescent Day Treatment Program, Helena, 22 people, June 7 - June 11
- White Sulphur Springs Elementary School At Risk Students, 10 people, June 25 - June 27
- Eagle Mount, 10 people, August 9, dayfloat from Two Creek to Castle Bar properties to Gary Anderson Ranch
- College of Great Falls Recreation Class, 14 people, September 18- September 19

4. Fisheries

Trout population information was gathered on two sections of the Smith River during September 1993. Although data analysis is not complete, it appears that larger sized brown trout represented the most important portion of the fishable population.

During the 1993 float season, anglers rated the numerical catch and size of both species of trout as good, fair, or poor.

MOst anglers reported the number of rainbow trout caught as poor, and the size of rainbows as fair. Brown trout numbers and size were described most often as good.

	Good	Fair	Poor
Number of rainbow caught	19%	33%	48%
Size of rainbow	24%	44%	31%
Number of browns caught	47%	31%	22%
Size of browns	58%	29%	13%

5. Statistics

A. 1993

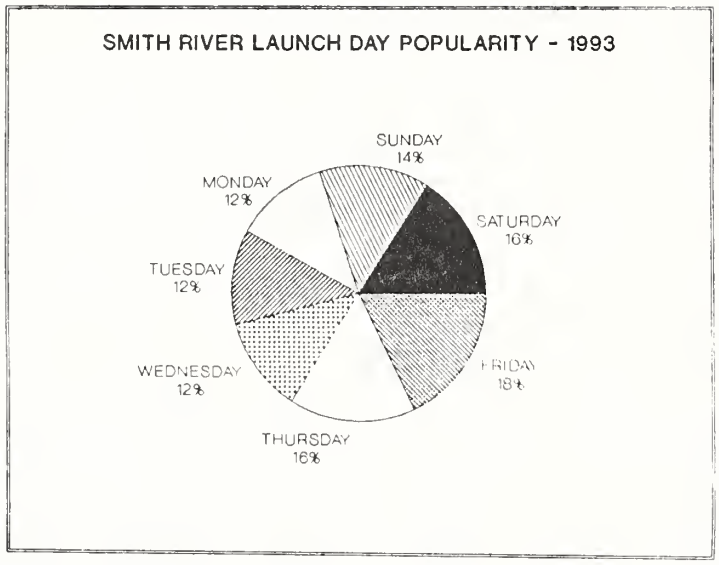
Statistics for the 1993 float season were derived from floater permits and floater logs. A day by day record of the float season is provided in the Smith River Log, included in this report as Appendix G. Table Four displays 1993 statistics by month and by private/outfitted/administrative floaters.

SMITH RIVER USE STATISTICS 1993

MONTH		APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	YEAR TOTAL	PERCENTAGE
# OF FLOATERS	-PRIVATE	88	779	1216	564	266	211	48	3172	86%
	-GUIDED	8	49	272	55	17	21	10	432	12%
	-ADMIN	14	12	30	23	3	1	1	84	2%
	-TOTAL	110	840	1518	642	286	233	59	3688	
# OF GROUPS	-PRIVATE	22	154	206	122	83	63	14	664	90%
	-GUIDED	1	6	28	6	2	5	1	49	7%
	-ADMIN	2	5	8	6	2	1	1	25	3%
	-TOTAL	25	165	242	134	87	69	16	738	
USER DAYS	-PRIVATE	270	2888	5070	2451	976	704	297	12656	85%
	-GUIDED	32	228	1069	366	77	114	54	1940	13%
	-ADMIN	65	31	76	81	12	3	3	271	2%
	-TOTAL	367	3147	6215	2898	1061	821	354	14867	
USER NIGHTS	-PRIVATE	227	2148	3924	1811	710	509	211	9540	85%
	-GUIDED	16	146	875	272	60	93	42	1504	13%
	-ADMIN	42	16	48	56	9	2	2	175	2%
	-TOTAL	285	2310	4847	2139	777	604	255	11219	
AVE. DAYS/GROUP	-PRIVATE	3.1	3.7	4.2	4.3	3.7	3.3	6.2	4.0	
	-GUIDED	4.0	4.7	3.9	6.7	4.5	5.4	5.4	4.5	
	-TOTAL	3.3	3.7	4.1	4.5	3.7	3.5	6.0	4.0	
FLOATERS/GROUP	-PRIVATE	4.0	5.1	5.9	4.6	3.2	3.3	3.4	4.8	
	-GUIDED	8.0	8.2	9.7	9.2	8.5	4.2	10.0	8.8	
	-TOTAL	4.4	5.1	6.3	4.8	3.3	3.4	3.7	5.0	
# OF EACH CRAFT	-RAFT	25	208	253	138	71	62	17	774	56%
	-CANOE	10	110	145	93	37	31	12	438	32%
	-DRIFT BOAT	10	29	35	11	7	8	0	100	7%
	-KAYAK	0	16	25	14	6	0	0	61	4%
	-OTHER	0	2	3	1	5	1	0	12	1%
	-TOTAL	45	365	461	257	126	102	29	1385	
TOTAL # CRAFT	-PRIVATE	41	319	336	227	117	91	25	1156	86%
	-GUIDED	4	20	122	19	7	11	4	187	14%
	-TOTAL	45	339	458	246	124	102	29	1343	
AVERAGE # CRAFT/GROUP	-PRIVATE	1.9	2.1	1.6	1.9	1.4	1.4	1.8	1.7	
	-GUIDED	4.0	3.3	4.4	3.2	3.5	2.2	4.0	3.8	
	-TOTAL	1.8	2.1	1.9	1.8	1.4	1.5	1.8	1.8	

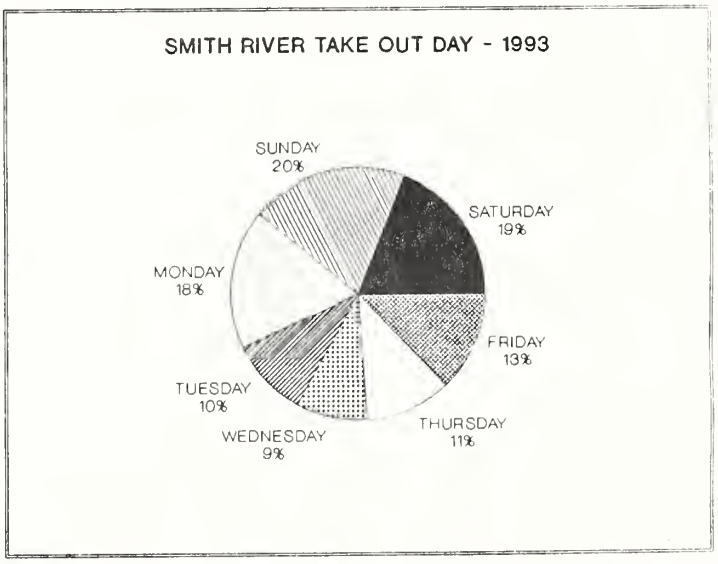
Percentage of floaters launching by day of week was:

- Sunday 14%
- Monday 12%
- Tuesday 12%
- Wednesday 12%
- Thursday 16%
- Friday 18%
- Saturday 16%



Percentage of floaters taking out by day of week was:

- Sunday 20%
- Monday 18%
- Tuesday 10%
- Wednesday 9%
- Thursday 11%
- Friday 13%
- Saturday 19%



A statistical analysis was made of floater residency. We identified 2,517 Montana floaters and 941 non-resident floaters. Of the 941 non-residents, 224 (24%) came as outfitted clients and 412 (44%) came as part of private groups that also included Montana residents. The remainder came as exclusively non-resident private groups. Because historic records do not break out groups of mixed residency, it is difficult to determine any trend in floater residency. If mixed groups are simply not counted, residency breaks down to the following.

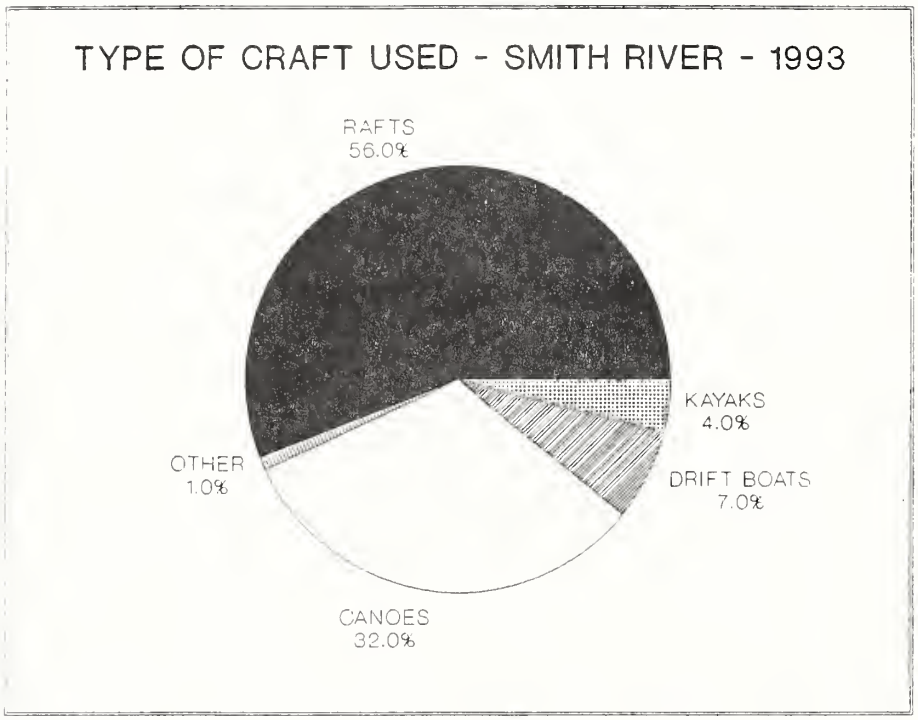
	Number of Groups - Percent		
	1993	1986	1985
Montana Residents	83%	88%	92%
Non-Montana Residents	17%	12%	8%

12 out of the 15 authorized outfitters took a total of 224 clients on 48 trips utilizing a total of 207 employees. Outfitted groups accounted for 7% of the groups and 12% of total floaters.

SMITH RIVER OUTFITTER LOG 1993

DATE	OUTFITTER	# CLIENTS	# STAFF	# DAYS	USER DAYS	USER NIGHTS	CLIENT DAYS
YEAR TO DATE TOTALS		225	208	230	2037	1628	1058
APRIL 29	GRAHAM DEACON OUTFITTERS	3	5	4	32	24	12
MAY 18	PAUL ROOS OUTFITTERS	5	5	5	50	40	25
MAY 21	JOHN MAKI OUTFITTERS	3	4	5	35	28	15
MAY 24	RANDY J. CAIN	2	2	4	16	12	8
MAY 26	HEADWATERS ANGLING	5	6	5	55	44	25
MAY 28	MONTANA RIVER OUTFITTERS	8	5	4	52	39	32
MAY 31		2	1	1	3	0	2
JUNE 2	HEADWATERS ANGLING	5	6	5	55	44	25
JUNE 2	HIGH PLAINS OUTFITTERS	3	1	5	20	16	15
JUNE 4	PAUL ROOS OUTFITTERS	2	3	5	25	20	10
JUNE 6	MONTANA HIGH COUNTRY TOURS	3	4	6	42	35	18
JUNE 7	PAUL ROOS OUTFITTERS	6	5	5	55	44	30
JUNE 8	ROBERT BUTLER OUTFITTERS	3	4	5	35	28	15
JUNE 9	HEADWATERS ANGLING	8	6	5	70	56	40
JUNE 9	HEADWATERS ANGLING	1	4	5	25	20	5
JUNE 10	MONTANA RIVER OUTFITTERS	7	6	6	78	65	42
JUNE 14	HIGH PLAINS OUTFITTERS	8	6	4	56	42	32
JUNE 15	PAUL ROOS OUTFITTERS	8	6	5	70	56	40
JUNE 15	PAUL ROOS OUTFITTERS	8	6	5	70	56	40
JUNE 16	ROBERT BUTLER OUTFITTERS	6	5	5	55	44	30
JUNE 16	HEADWATERS ANGLING	6	7	6	78	65	36
JUNE 17	MONTANA RIVER OUTFITTERS	4	5	5	45	36	20
JUNE 19	PAUL ROOS OUTFITTERS	3	4	1	12	0	8
JUNE 20	MONTANA RIVER OUTFITTERS	5	5	6	60	50	30
JUNE 21	BIG SKY EXPEDITIONS	2	3	5	25	20	10
JUNE 22	PAUL ROOS OUTFITTERS	3	3	6	36	30	18
JUNE 22	MONTANA RIVER OUTFITTERS	5	4	5	45	36	25
JUNE 23	ROBERT BUTLER OUTFITTERS	6	6	5	60	48	30
JUNE 23	HIGH PLAINS OUTFITTERS	7	6	5	65	52	35
JUNE 24	MONTANA RIVER OUTFITTERS	4	3	4	4	21	16
JUNE 26	MONTANA RIVER OITFITTERS	4	3	5	35	28	20
JUNE 28	JOHN MAKI OUTFITTERS	2	3	5	25	20	10
JUNE 29	HEADWATERS ANGLING	6	7	5	65	52	30
JUNE 30	PAUL ROOS OUTFITTERS	3	4	5	35	28	15
JUNE 30	HIGH PLAINS OUTFITTERS	8	6	5	70	56	40
JULY 1	MARK E. JONES OUTFITTER	8	6	4	56	42	32
JULY 6	MARK E. JONES OUTFITTER	5	4	4	36	27	20
JULY 9	FRED TEDESCO OUTFITTERS	1	1	5	10	8	5
JULY 12	MARK E. JONES OUTFITTER	8	5	4	52	39	32
JULY 15	JOHN MAKI OUTFITTERS	3	3	4	24	18	12
JULY 23	BIG SKY EXPEDITIONS	5	6	5	55	44	25
AUG 7	MONTANA RIVER OUTFITTERS	2	2	3	12	8	6
AUG 9	PAUL ROOS OUTFITTERS	8	5	5	65	52	40
SEPT 6	MONTANA RIVER OUTFITTERS	4	3	6	42	35	24
SEPT 13	HIGH PLAINS OUTFITTERS	1	1	5	10	8	5
SEPT 19	PAUL ROOS OUTFITTERS	3	3	5	30	24	15
SEPT 22	HEADWATERS ANGLING	3	3	5	30	24	15
SEPT 30	HEADWATERS ANGLING	1	1	3	6	4	3
OCT 3	HIGH PLAINS OUTFITTERS	4	6	5	50	40	20

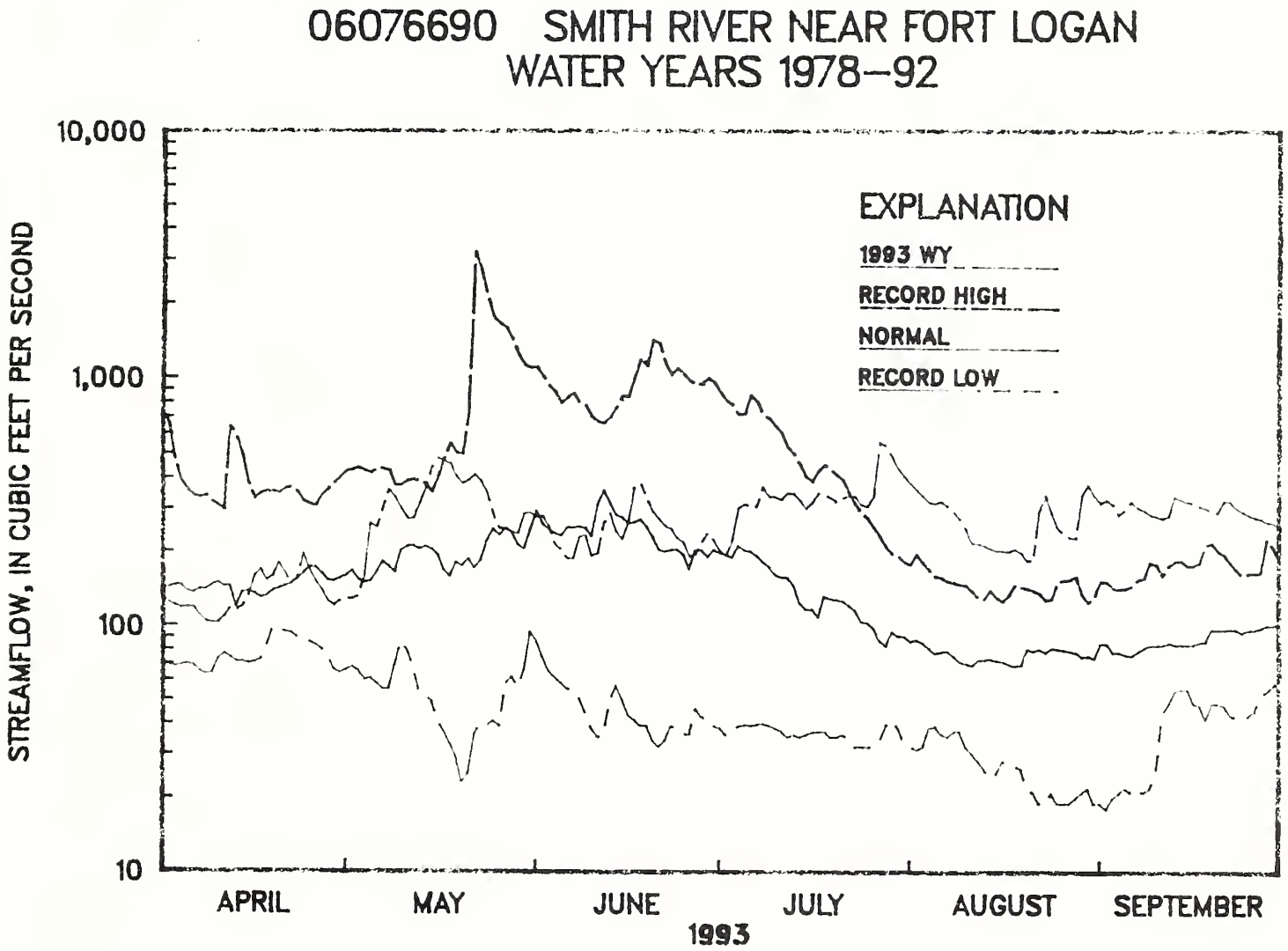
The predominant type of craft used on the Smith continues to be rafts. An icreased number of drift boats were used and canoes also were slightly more popular than during 1992.



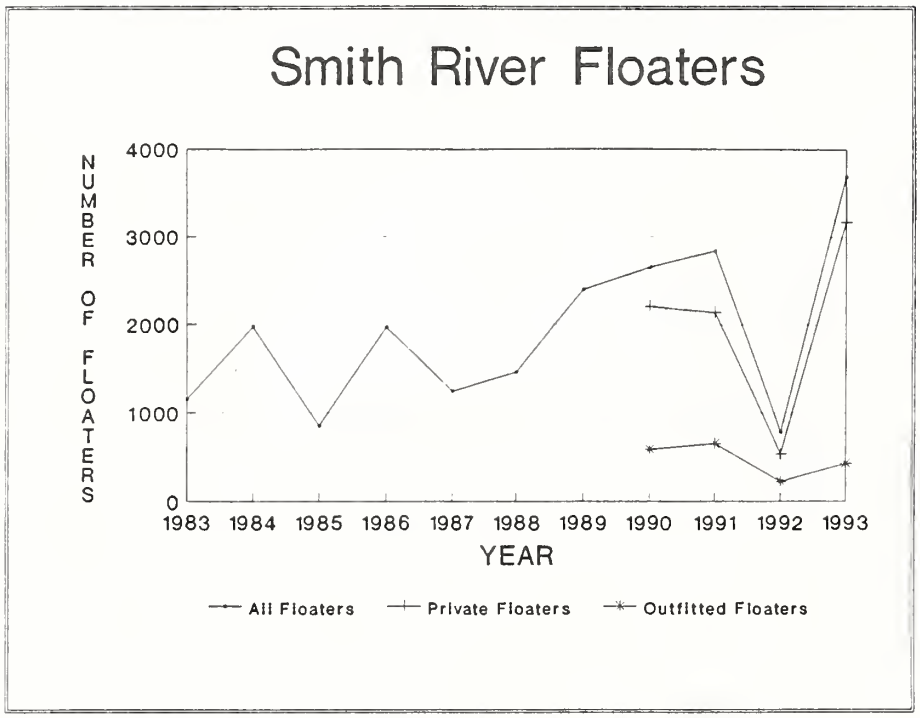
B.Trend Data

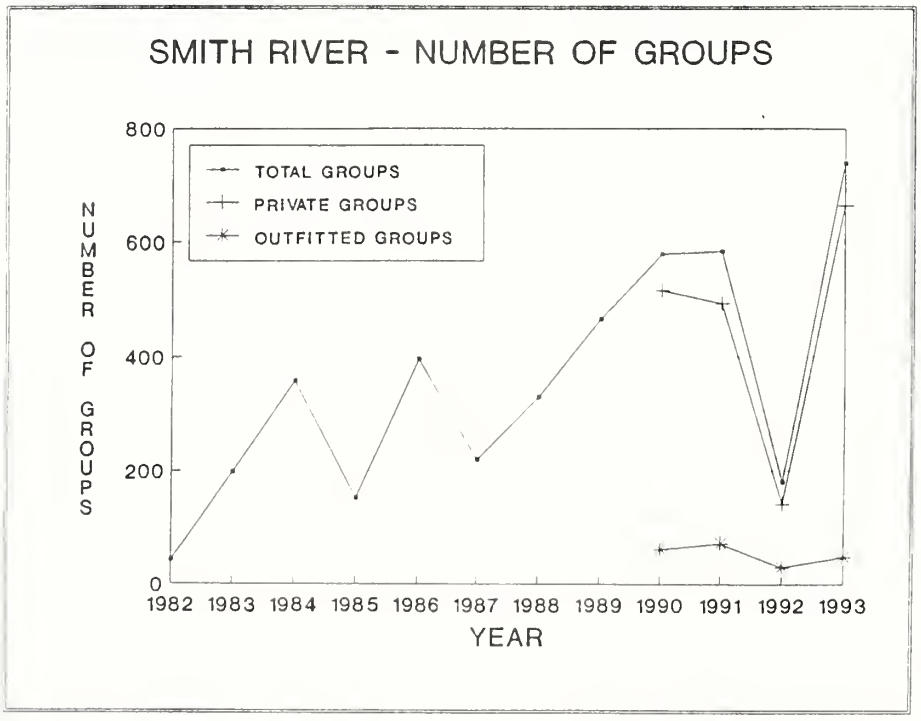
The following charts graphically depict use data on the Smith River allowing visualization of general trends of use. Please refer to page 11 for exact 1993 figures.

Smith River flows at the Logan Bridge (above Camp Baker), 1978-1993. This chart is courtesy of Ron Shields of the United States Geological Survey. It shows the 1993, record high, record low and the normal or mean flows for the Smith in cubic feet per second. Below 100 CFS, floating becomes difficult and more time is required. Flows in 1993 never dropped below this level. Precipitation levels of 245% of average during July through September provided consistent and high floaw throughout the summer. See the Smith River Log (Appendix F) for daily flow levels.

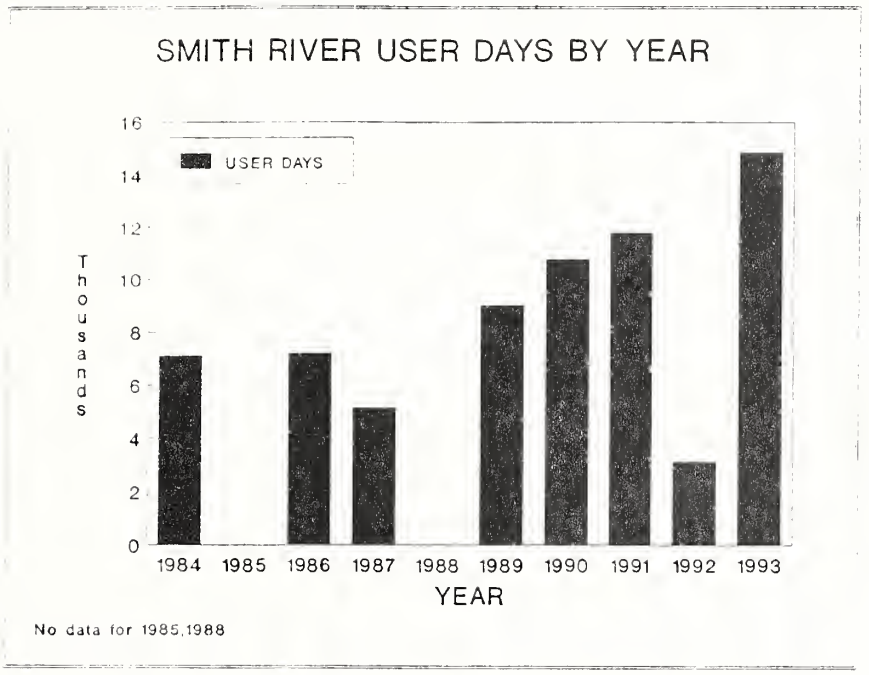


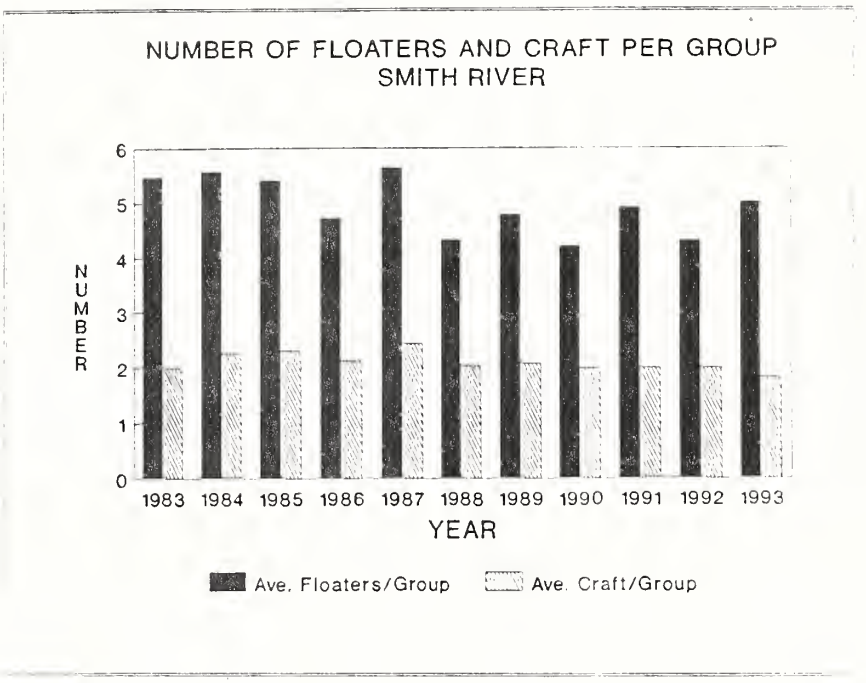
Number of floaters and number of groups from 1983 to 1993 and from 1982 to 1993, respectively. The breakdown of private and outfitted is shown for the last three years. Dips in the pattern for 1985, 1987, 1988 and 1992 can be attributed to low water years. The trend is a steady upwards climb.





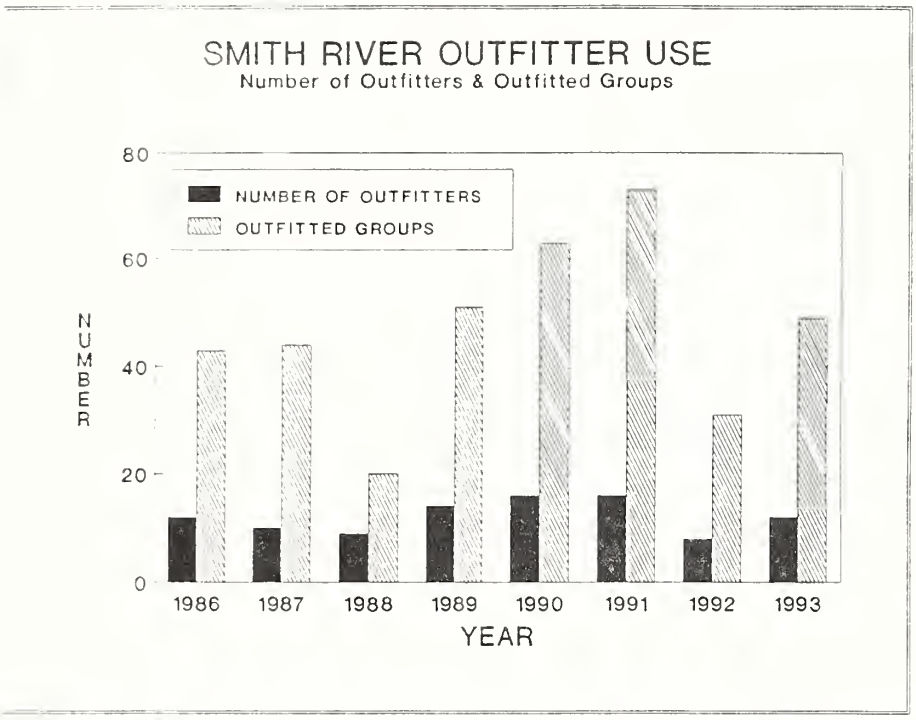
User Days from 1984 through 1993. A user day is one floater on the river for one day. A six person party on the river for four days would account for 24 user days. Again the trend is a steady increase except for low water years such as 1992.

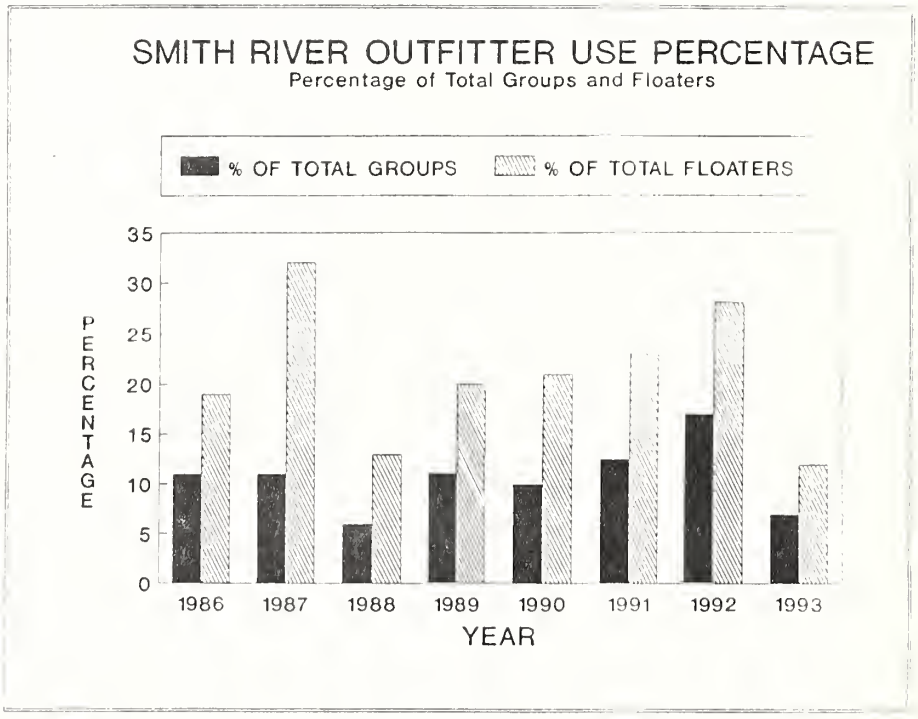




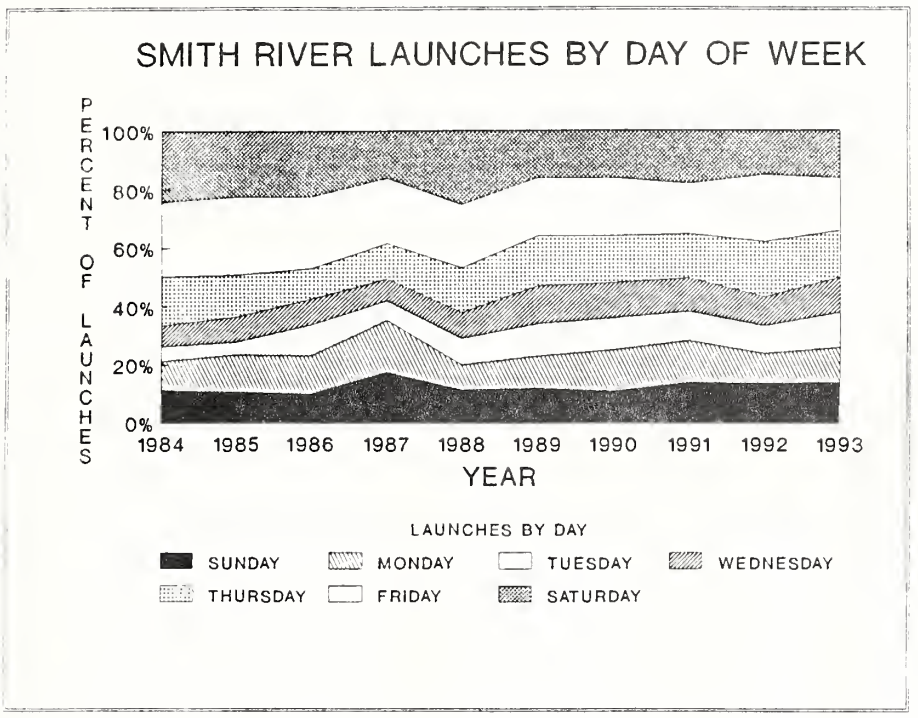
Number of floaters and craft per group from 1983 through 1993. Since 1988, overall average group size has remained between four and five. Outfitted groups have been averaging twice the overall average but the greater number of private parties brings the total average down. The same holds true for number of craft. During 1993, there was a slight increase in group size from 1992, from 4.3 to 5.0. Average number of craft per group dropped slightly from 2 to 1.8.

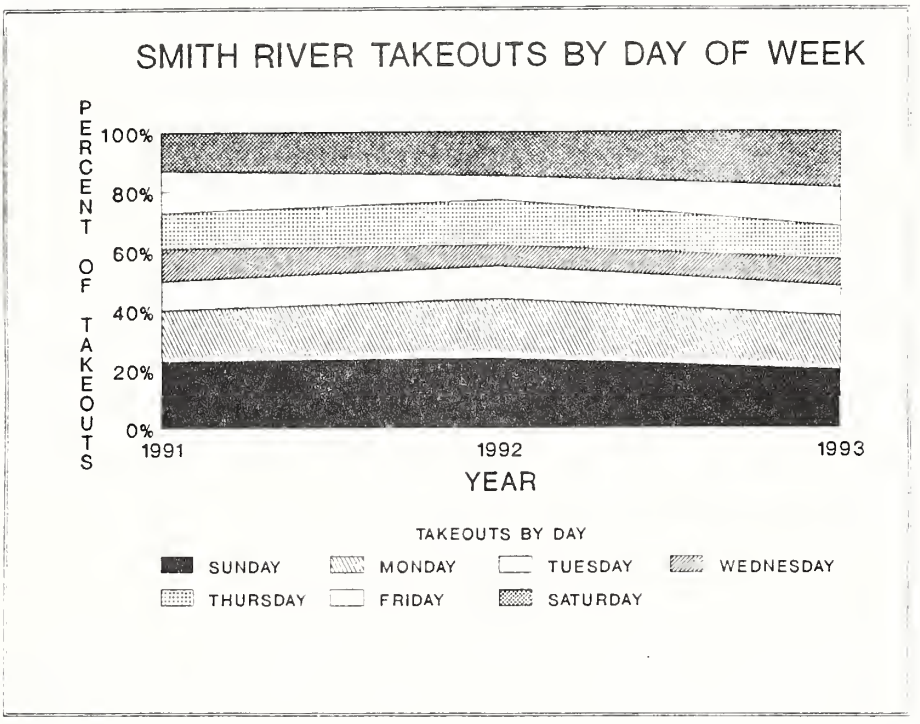
Outfitter use from 1986 to 1993. These charts depict the amount of outfitted use in two ways. The top chart shows number of outfitted groups and the number of outfitters operating on the river. The bottom chart shows what percentage of use outfitted groups and floaters make up of the total number of each. This percentage goes up in high use years since the total number of outfitted launches is limited.





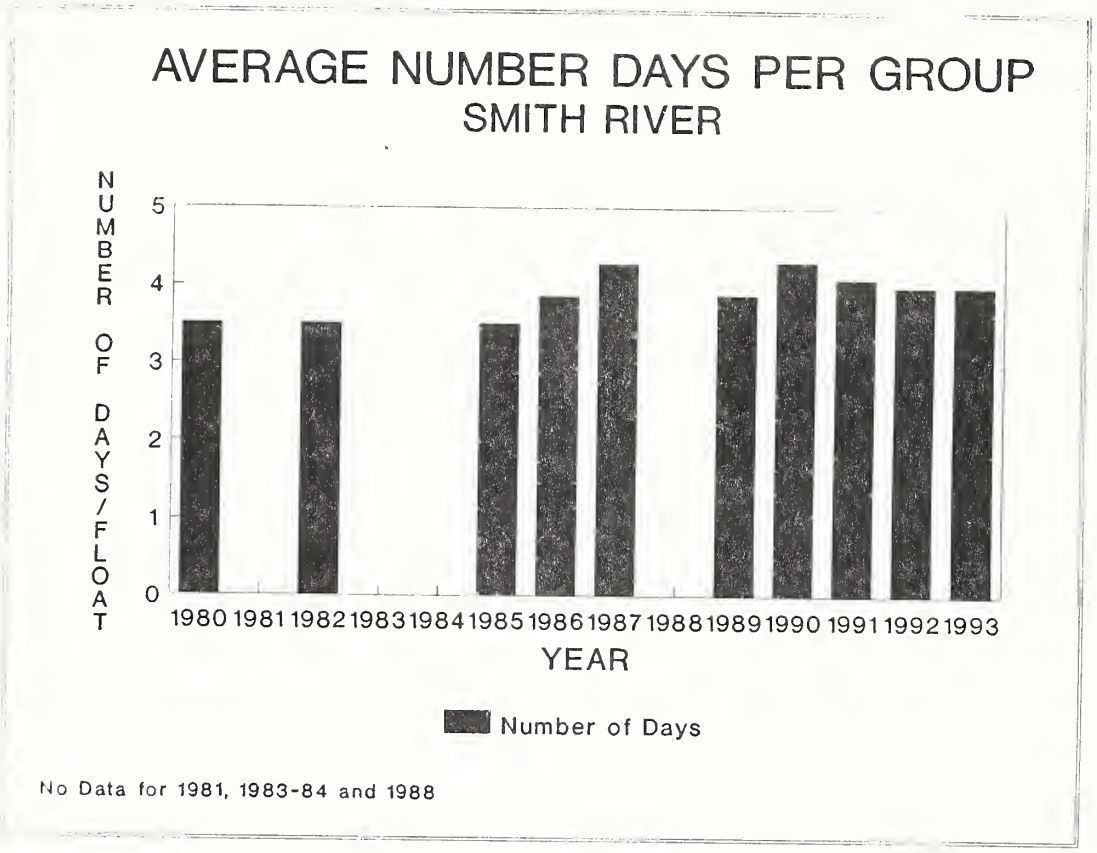
Percentage of launches on each day of the week from 1984 to 1993. Use has spread out over the days of the week since 1984.





Percent of groups taking out each day from 1991 through 1993. Sunday, Saturday and Monday have consistently been the most popular days to take out.

Average number of days per trip 1980 through 1993. There has been a gradual trend towards longer trips until the last two years with the average now at 4.0. days per trip. Average length of outfitted trips decreased from 4.9 to 4.5 days while private trip length increased from 3.6 to 4.0 days per trip. Data is missing for 1981, 1983-84 and 1988.



STATE OF MONTANA

DEPARTMENT OF FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS

1992/93/94 BIENNIAL FINAL RULE - STATE PARK SYSTEM USER FEES

I. LEGAL AUTHORITY FOR RULE

Sections 23-1-105, 23-1-106, and 87-1-303 MCA authorize the collection of fees and charges for the use of state park system units and fishing access sites, and contain rule-making authority for their use, occupancy and protection. Section 23-2-408 MCA authorizes the Fish, Wildlife & Parks Commission to establish recreational and commercial users fees for floating and camping on the Smith River. By virtue of this authority, the department has promulgated the following rule.

B. Boat Identification

1. Waterproof tags will be issued to each vessel when the fees are paid. Each vessel must display a tag while on the river.

C. Group Size

1. Maximum group size is 15 people (including guides and other outfitter staff). A bona fide group has shared planning and expenses for the trip, generally remains together while traveling to and on the river, and has a distinct and identifiable kitchen and camping unit.

X. SMITH RIVER

A. Registration

1. There is a voluntary pre-registration system operated out of the Great Falls regional office for floaters on the Smith River. Pre-registration will become mandatory if use limits are adopted.

2. There is a year-round mandatory registration system at Camp Baker to float the Smith River. Self registration is required when river rangers are not available.

2. Educational groups - organized tours or outings conducted for educational or scientific purposes may, on a case-by-case basis, qualify for an exemption of group size limits and fees if:

   - The group is not outfitted.

   - The educational or scientific purpose is related to the resources of the Smith River.

   - The group pre-registers at least 30 days in advance.

   - The group is from a bona fide institution established for these purposes.

   - The group applies for and receives an exemption by submitting documentation of their official recognition as an educational or scientific institution and a statement as to the purpose of their proposed visit.

   - The use for which the exemption is proposed is not primarily for recreational purposes.

D. Fees

1. Recreational user fee is $15 per person per trip age 12 and up. There is no fee for children age 11 and under.

2. Commercial User Fee

   $15 for each client, outfitter and outfitter staff plus a $175 fee for each trip with no annual registration fee.

3. Full fees paid May 1 - September 30. Half price fees in April and October. No fees from November to March.

4. Fees may be paid at the Great Falls Fish, Wildlife & Parks regional headquarters or at Camp Baker.

5. Bona fide landowners and immediate family usage:

   - Pay appropriate recreational user fee only if floating overnight.

   - Must register for overnight and day floats either by telephone, mail, or in person. A bona fide landowner is a person who owns land bordering the Smith River anywhere between Camp Baker and Eden Bridge.

6. The equivalent amount of outfitter fees owed and paid to the U.S. Forest Service for each season will be credited to the outfitter should the Forest Service not terminate their fee collection system on the Smith River. All balances will be cleared by the department by December 31st of each year and refunds issued if appropriate.

Surcharge assessed to persons who do not display a valid permit at areas with self-service fee stations (for all areas except Smith River) $2

Surcharge for Smith River (only) $10/person

1993 SMITH RIVER FINAL ALLOCATION RULE
DEPARTMENT OF FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS

OCTOBER 16, 1992

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1) This rule is part of the 1993 Smith River Allocation Rule approved by the Commission on March 13, 1992, and the current Biennial Parks Fee Rule.

2) RIVER CAPACITY
The capacity of the river is set at a maximum of 9 launches per day.

3) USE LIMITS
   A. The historical ratio of outfitter launches to private launches will be maintained.
   B. Authorized outfitters are limited to 1 launch per day, with an additional 2 launches allowed per week during the peak season (May 22 - July 3) on days of lowest private floater use as determined by the Department.

4) RESERVED BOAT CAMPS

The Department will require mandatory use of the declaration board for all floaters.

5) OUTFITTER ALLOCATION
   A. Outfitter launches are capped at 73 for the 1993 float season, with no more than 54 launches allowed during the peak season. There are 16 authorized outfitters for the Smith River.
   B. Awarding of actual launch dates will be done in conjunction with the authorized outfitters.

6) OUTFITTER FEES

In exchange for the opportunity for outfitters to transfer their permit when they sell their business, the individual per client recreational user fee will be $65. All other fees will remain as previously approved for the 1993 season.

7) CORRIDOR ENHANCEMENT ACCOUNT

The outfitter fee increase (section 6) and 10% of all other fees collected will be put in a Smith River Enhancement Account to be used to better manage and protect the river corridor.

8) PERMIT AND LAUNCH TRANSFER

Permanent permit transfers will only be approved if they include all allocated launches. Individual launch transfers (both temporary and permanent) are permitted only within the group of authorized outfitters. Temporary transfers may be as few as one launch.

9) PRE-REGISTRATION

A. There is mandatory pre-registration for outfitters and private floaters in the Great Falls office of the Department. A pre-registration fee of $175 per outfitter launch and $15 per private floater launch must accompany the application. These fees will be applied towards launch fees.

B. Any unassigned launches (outfitter or private floater) will be available daily to private floaters on a first come, first served basis at Camp Baker.

SMITH RIVER
AUTHORIZED OUTFITTERS FOR 1993

NAME	BUSINESS NAME	ALLOCATED LAUNCHES		
		Peak and/or shoulder season	Shoulder seasons	Total
1 BAY, MIKE	HIGH PLAINS OUTFIT.	2	1	8
2 BUTLER, ROBERT	ROBERT BUTLER OUTFIT.	4		4
3 CAIN, RANDY	MONTANA OUTDOORS ADV.	1		1
4 D'AMBRUOSO, ROBERT	HEADWATERS ANGLING	9		9
5 DEACON, GRAHAM	GRAHAM DEACON OUT.	1		1
6 DEMPSEY, DILLON	CASTLE MTN FLYFISH	1		1
7 JONES, MARK	STREAMSIDE ANGLERS	2		2
8 KIPP, RUSSELL	MT HIGH COUNTRY TOUR	3		3
9 MADSEN, CRAIG	MONTANA RIVER OUT.	14	1	15
10 MAKI, JOHN	JOHN MAKI OUTFITTING	3		3
11 PASQUALE, RICHARD	FLY FISHERS RETREAT	2	1	3
12 PERRY, JOHN	JOHN PERRY FLYFISHING	1		1
13 ROOS, PAUL	PAUL ROOS OUTFITTING	10		10
14 TEDESCO, FRED	WESTERN RIVERS	4		4
15 WEIMER, JOE	BIG SKY EXPEDITIONS	6	1	7
16 WEST, JERRY	MT RIVER RATS	1		1
TOTALS		69	4	73

Errol T. Galt 10/22/92
ERROL GALT, Chairman DATE
Fish, Wildlife & Parks Commission

K. L. Cool 10/22/92
K. L. COOL, Secretary DATE
Fish, Wildlife & Parks Commission

Final Smith River Allocation Rule 1993
DEPARTMENT OF FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS
March 13, 1992

1) OUTFITTER PERMITS
   A) Authorized outfitters will receive annual concessionaire permits. These permits will be reviewed and renewed in October of each year.
   B) The Department has the option of withdrawing or retiring a permit held by an outfitter who violates a state rule or Department regulation.

2) PERMIT TRANSFER
   A) If the concessionaire through voluntary sale or transfer of the outfitting business ceases to operate the business for which this permit is intended, this permit shall be subject to cancellation. If the permittee sells or transfers the outfitting business to another individual the department may transfer the permit and its associated launches to the new owner of the outfitting business, providing that the new concession applicant can meet criteria established by the Department and is willing and able to provide at least an equivalent floating service to the public as was previously offered by the original concessionaire. This paragraph also applies to sale or transfer of individual launches. Further providing, the Department receives a transfer fee of $100.00 per launch for each launch transferred.
   B) No permanent transfer of permits or launches will be approved until after the 1993 allocation rules are finalized.

3) TERM OF ALLOCATION
   - These rules are annual rules which may be amended or repealed in whole or in part by the Fish, Wildlife and Parks Commission.

ADOPTED this 13th day of March, 1992.

ATTEST: _____
Secretary; Fish, Wildlife and Parks Commission

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Chairman; Fish, Wildlife and Parks Commission

SMITH RIVER REGISTRATION AND PERMIT

Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks
and
Lewis & Clark National Forest

GROUP LEADER _____ PERMIT NUMBER _____

ADDRESS _____ LAUNCH DATE _____

CITY_____ STATE_____ ZIP_____

OUTFITTED TRIP? YES _____ NO _____

OUTFITTER'S NAME _____

PLEASE LIST ALL GROUP MEMBERS, REGARDLESS OF AGE.
(OUTFITTERS - Indicate staff members with an "x" next to name.)

Name	Home State

Declared Campsites	
Night 1	
Night 2	
Night 3	
Night 4	
Night 5	
Night 6	
Night 7	

Number of Each Type of Boat	
Rafts	
Canoes	
Drift Boats	
Kayaks	
Other	

PLEASE CIRCLE THE DAYS OF THE WEEK YOU'LL BE ON THE RIVER:

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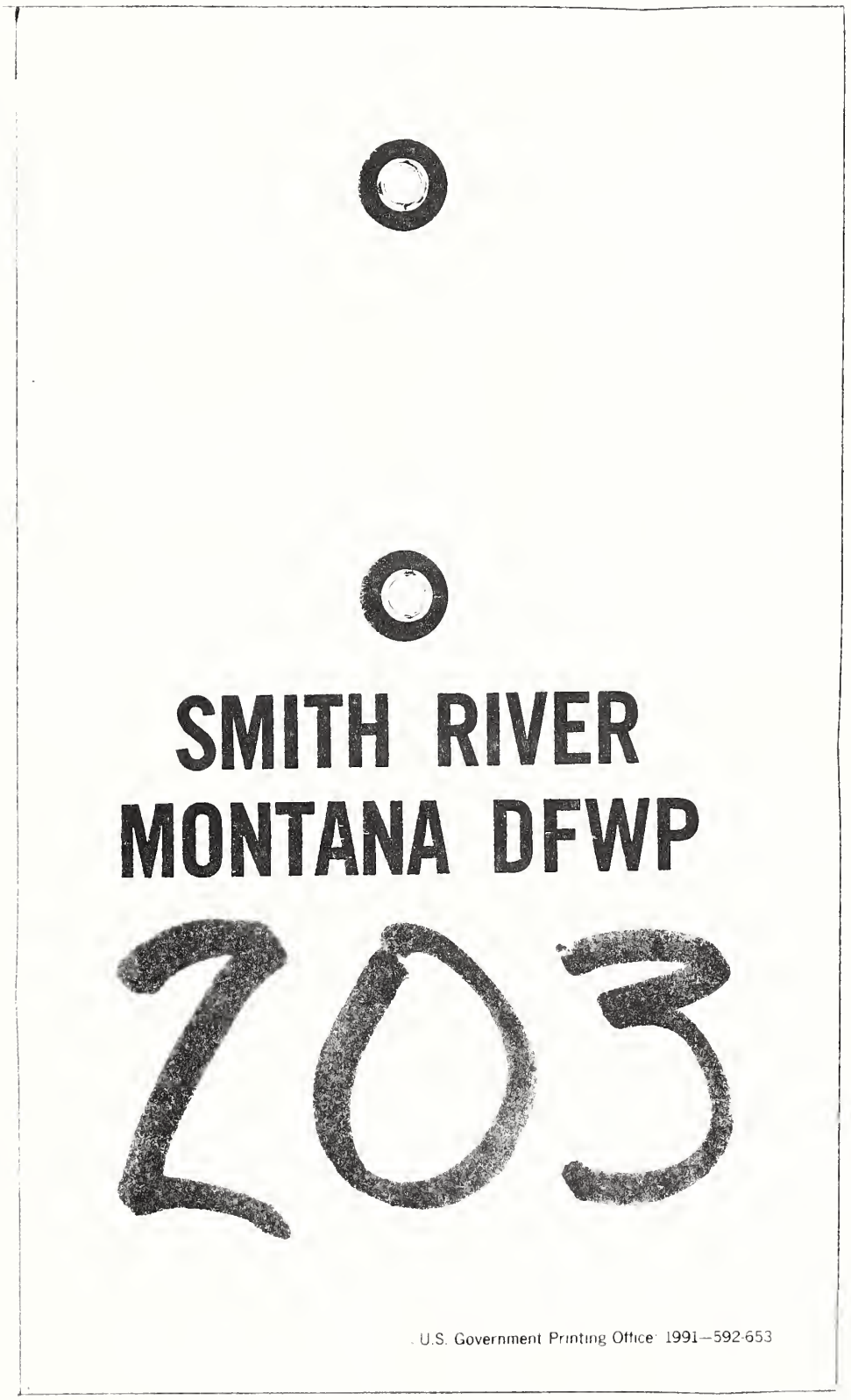
FEES

# Floaters Age 12 & older (and outfitter staff)	_____ X $15.00 (MAY 1 - SEPT. 30)	=	$ _____
	_____ X $7.50 (EARLY/LATE SEASON)	=	$ _____
	$175.00/LAUNCH OUTFITTER FEE	=	$ _____
	OUTFITTED FLOATER _____ X $65.00	=	$ _____
	ADDITIONAL MAPS_____ @ $4.00 EACH	=	$ _____
	OTHER _____	=	$ _____
	SUBTRACT FEES PREPAID	=	$ -- _____
	TOTAL FEES PAID AT LAUNCH	=	$ _____

_____
Signature of Group Leader - My signature certifies that I've paid the appropriate fees per 23-1-105, 23-1-106, 87-1-303 and 23-2-401, M.C.A.

Appendix C - 1993 Smith River Boat Tag



Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks

SMITH RIVER FLOATER'S LOG

PLEASE HELP US TO BETTER MANAGE THE SMITH BY FILLING OUT THIS LOG.
FILL THIS SIDE OUT EACH DAY.

THANK YOU!

Day	Complete campsite Name Include Upper, Middle, 1,2,3, etc.	Campsite Evaluation						# of People Fishing each day	Hours Fished Per Person	Rainbow Trout		Brown Trout	
		Good	Fair	Poor	Did you share this campsite?	Did you feel crowded?	Was this your declared site?			# Kept	# Released	# Kept	# Released
1.													
2.													
3.													
4.													
5.													
6.													

DEPOSIT YOUR COMPLETED LOG AT EDEN BRIDGE.

TO BE COMPLETED AT END OF TRIP:

If you did not stay at your declared campsite, why not?

Any other comments about the boatcamps you stayed at?

Please rate each by marking with an "X"	Good	Fair	Poor	Please rate each by marking with an "X"	Good	Fair	Poor	
Number of Rainbow trout caught				Number of Brown trout caught				
Size of Rainbow trout caught				Size of Brown trout caught				

Did you witness any fishing, trespass, or litter violations while on your trip? If so, what and where. Please note boat tag #'s if possible.

Other Comments

Appendix E - 1993 Smith River Floaters Log Comments

FLOATER LOG COMMENTS

These comments are from the 438 floater logs returned by Smith River floaters. (65% return rate) The comments have been arranged in the following groupings;

Campsite Declaration - Positive
- Negative
- Neutral

Use Limits - Positive
- Negative
- Neutral

Reasons for not staying at declared sites - Conflicts with other parties
- Weather
- Campsite preference
- Declaration problems
- Equipment
- Schedule Changes
- Miscellaneous

Boatcamp Comments
Boatcamp Management Recomendations
Specific Boatcamp Comments

Report of Violations - Miscellaneous
- Littering
- Campsite Behvaior
- Fishing
- Resource Damage

Other Floater Comments
- Fishing
- Staff
- Public Information
- General Management Recomendations
- General Comments

Campsite Declaration - Positive

I like your assignment system. Undoubtable there's gliches but I like it.
Like the new system.
Upper Ridgetop - there was a group (128) that missed their stop and camped next to us. No problem. Everything was fine.
Paradise Bend good - another party shared it because of bad weather - worked out fine.
Great! Keep up the reservation system.
Camp declare good.
Really like the designated campsites.
I like the permits & declared campsite regulations.
Campsites better organized than 2 years ago!
Well kept and nice, we prefer the ones that are by themselves.
Keep up the good work. Continue to limit # & size of parties.
I like the designated campsites better than I though I would. We had fun.
Excellent - approve of reservation system.
The reservation system is an excellent idea and worked well for us.
Don't change the system. Reservations are the way to go. No more racing down the river.
I liked the permit system and camp declaration systems.
We appreciate camp site reservation and privacy of campsites.
This new system seems to work very well in that private parties can compete with outfitters for campsites. It worked well for us.
We like signing up for camp sites at Camp Baker.

The system of declaring campsites really works well for distributing the river users and enhancing the solitude of the canyon float.
Far better than past

Campsite Declaration -Negative

Doug, you got to make staying at camps mandatory. 2 partys came in on us at Rattlesnake Bend.
At Lower Ridgetop a group came in after us and said this was their declared camp. They stayed at Middle.
Conflict with other floaters at Sheepwagon - evidently ranger assigned camp to two parties.
The camps assigned small parties are barely adequate and distract from the float.
I feel mandatory boatcamps are a hazard. When the lightning started we had to get off the river and it was late getting in.
Givens: our last night on the river, we had 13 unexpected guests, 6 canoes 1 kayak in wrong camp!
Reservations are bogus, dump campsite reservation.
Dump mandatory camp reservation.
The old system of volunteer sign up for camp sites works better.
Also after we were ready to launch at Camp Baker we had to wait almost a 1/2 hour to be registered.
Boat camps that would have provided a much more enjoyable float sat empty while we had to make due with barely adequate spots

Campsite Declaration - Neutral

Upper Parker Flat was listed as 2 camps but had no marking.
Ranger should know camps better and be more helpful in selection.
We were 1st to sign up so virtually all choices were available.
We'll gain experience and be back with better choices.
Middle Table Rock - party at Up Table Rock camped 50 feet away from us. They had kids, we had dogs - equally obnoxious - we were ok but too close for comfort.
Try registration card signed by Ranger, carried on boat for each night's camp site. Confrontations can be solved by showing registration card. Lower Scotty Allen/Upper Sunset/ Middle Table Rock/Lower Givens
Group missed Merganser, shared Lower Ridge with us.
Other campers at our campsite on Night #1 (Upper Cow Coulee).
Camping conflict @ Middle Fraunhofer. Another party had set up camp at our designated location cus they weren't sure of their own campsite (Upper, Lower, etc.) They had to strike camp and move. They had left their camping designation in their friend's boat behind them.
Some sites looked too close together if people at each site.
At the risk of increasing regulations, you might want to address the situation of people arriving at their declare boat camp before the current party is ready to leave - perhaps a suggested "check-out" time?
Suggest you designate 1/2 to 2/3 of campsites (perhaps the best) leave the rest undesignated in case you get into trouble as we did. Then folks can know where to camp if they get off course or delayed or have to lay over.
No-shows should be penalized!
When we arrived at Middle Fraunhofer, another group was there, but upon talking to them they admitted they were in the wrong spot and moved. They were quite apologetic - no hassles whatsoever.
Heavy rain and wind plus people laying over at our declared

campsite at Lower Givens prompted us to row out evening of 4th day - 7-3-93. Did not get any boat tag #5.
I feel outfitters should have 4 or 9 assigned camps per season and the public have the option of stopping where they want depending on conditions - Thanks.

Use Limits - Positive

Reduced boats - good river run.
Limiting outfitters number appreciated.
River looks pretty good. "Crowd control" is a good idea, and amazingly enuf, it's a good idea that works!
I think the limitations on launches, although unpopular with some, will preserve the quality of this float.
Nicely done - could consider allowing more parties/day as we did not feel at all crowded. Barely saw anyone.
Mostly plenty of privacy, except Rattlesnake.
Limited entry is probably helping impact - compared to other times we've been on Smith River.
Permit & regulated launches makes lots of sense. We had a great time!!
Saw fewer boats than the last time I floated over Memorial weekend.
Keep up limits. Lower launch limits should be considered.
The river is beautiful and we are grateful for the permitting system. The campsites were relatively clean and the water didn't feel too crowded.
River launch system - 8 launches a day - and declared boat camps works out very well.
Keep permit system. It works.
Enjoyed restrictions on numbers. All the floaters we could stand.
Restrictions made it worth the drive from Utah on July 4.
We support the permit system. Keep it up.
System seemed to work well but usage was way down.
Very supportive of the FWP management plan for the Smith River. This was our first experience on the Smith. We would not have done it under the former non-management mode with unlimited launches, competition for campsites, overcrowding. We hope that you keep the management of the Smith in place for the future in much the same way.
Keep up limits. Thank you. (We passed only one person the whole 3-day trip...a single floater fishing off the bank.)
Only saw 2 other parties.
We like the new management because we only saw 3 other boats thru the whole trip.
We saw no other floaters.
You have gone to great lengths to control the population on the Smith, with signs, identifying private/public land, campsites, latrines, yet this development did not diminish the quality of our wilderness experience. Thank you!
Continue to limit numbers and size of parties.
We all are very pleased you have instituted a permit system.
Please keep this area from being over-used. Thanks!
Great Trip - Less crowded -Nice
Great trip. Quota seems to be working.
The reservation system works well in keep/conserving the Smith.
River looks great - I love the registration & limits on launches - keep up the excellent work!
Made same trip in 1989 and 1990. A lot less traffic this year. camps not so beat up; maybe due partially to weather. River probably under-utilized. Everyone had a great trip.

Use Limits - Negative

They were good but a bit crowded.
Too many parties per day
Declared day of launch is too restrictive. We had to fish in lousy weather/high dirty water - leads to lousy fishing. How about some flexibility in launch date once you get a permit?
Seemed like more people than ever!
Your limits per group are too high.
Too may parties allowed per day. 3 would be right.
Too many boats - i.e. trips/day. Good trip.
We floated 4 years ago and found much more traffic this trip. Too bad.
Allowed too many floaters on the river at once. Lower number of permits allowed.
Reservation system is a joke as long as each lanuch can be up to 15 people. It is way too easy to beat the system w/diff. reservations and 945 people per week potential is too many

Use Limits - Neutral

The number of fire rings is growing.
Very crowded at Rattlesnake on last night.
With people in next camps - we were not crowded.
Everyone's bunched up at bottom.
Rattlesnake/Givens complex is too congested.
Don't advertise the Smith, I know people regulation is needed but don't encourage it's use.
Also, try limiting party size from 15 to 10, i.e., 4 boats is plenty!
There are a lot of people on the river at once.
Confirmation of scheduled/assigned put-in day. As like some other rivers (2) one must confirm that you accept assigned day. If you should cancel after confirming your assigned put-in you lose your chance next year. Confirming your assigned day will free up other days for those who were unlucky in seeking a particular put-in day.
Lower launch limits should be considered.
By specifying that up to 15 people are allowed applicants tend to enlarge group to meet limit. Reservations should be difficult for large groups. Since outfitters are professionals and trips expensive, DFWP should give them all the space they need & schedule small parties for a more quiet, satisfying experience. If this means raising the fees per person or party for guides then so be it.
Outfitters and group were polite and considerate but understandably noisy. This detracts from quality of experience of small parties. At campsites w/upper, middle and lower camps, party size should not exceed 8 when all 3 sites are in use; parties over 8 should be given 2 sites. Parties of more than 8 should be split; leaving middle site vacant. Large outfitted groups and/or church or civic groups should be discouraged. Ample opportunities exist elsewhere for church or civic groups to retreat and engage in loud, group activities. The Smith experience is attenuated for small groups when a steady clamour can be heard. Naturally, laughter & excitement is expected, natural and appropriate, but party size should be limited to 8 unless a "special" permit is secured. Guides may have to charge mor or FWP may have to provide 2 sites for groups > 8 but this may be necessary to avoid the church camp-like noise of group activities. One would expect more space in August in contrast to salmon fly hatch period.

Reasons for Not Staying at Declared Sites

There were an estimated 2243 group/nights of camping during 1993.

The 131 reported incidences of groups not staying at declared sites represent 5.8% of the group nights on the river.

<u>Conflicts with other parties</u>

3rd day, someone was in our declared site. We took the next one. Another party was there.

(1) Upper Sunset - an outfitter was set up there (Lower Sunset) when we arrived, so we moved to Upper Sunset.

Didn't stay at Bear Gulch site assigned second night because big group spilled over into our site (we were late). So we went to "Lower Lower" Bear Gulch (unofficial I'm sure).

messed up.

Someone in it!

Other party at Lower Scotty Allen had a launch permit designating Scotty Allen as their site, no distinction between campsites. My permit designed "Lower" Scotty Allen. We were forced to drag boats back up to Middle Scotty Allen. It was a hazzle.

Taken by mistake by another party registered for Upper Sunset.

<u>Both</u> night the group (with 4 small children,

in that group) we already camped in our designated sites. The first night we let it slide. The 2nd night we kicked them out. This system of reserved sites does not work if people are not willing to do what they agreed - i.e., stay where assigned. Certainly, unforeseen circumstances occur and everyone must accommodate that, but these folks belligerently defended their right to stay and make us take our chances downriver.

Was taken - Launch #93 was there.

Tried to - had to move because others had declared it.

Two men from Canada took this site by mistake. It was late, windy and cold - decided to go on to Paradise Point. It appears their log had Lower Parker Flat - we had Parker #3. This was a terrible experience for us and our 3 children.

Another party was set up, but they had no papers. They moved to Upper Fraunhoffer.

Someone else was in ours.

Enjoyed system of selecting campsite, but a group claimed they didn't see their campsite (Scotty Allen) the first night out.

People were in declared site.

No, because some jerks didn't like Upper Givens so they took our site at Lower.

It was full. The people there had also declared that spot, so we went on then we were off schedule with the declarations of camp spots.

Due to accident shared the camp with 8 others.

Outfitters were in our declared space.

We didn't stay at Middle Cow Coulee, we stayed at Upper Cow Coulee because the people who should have been at Upper set up at Middle. It worked out OK.

Someone was at our declared site - we landed at dark and no one was in the adjacent site.

Loud, obnoxious group was already there.

Someone in declared.

Declared campsite was occupied by other group on 1st night.

<u>Weather</u>

One nite <u>no</u>. Ran out of time waiting out storm.

Rainstorm.

Rain (to dry out).

Our fourth night we were to stay at Black Butte - but because it was raining and the weather was so lousy, we stayed at Table Rock for two nights.

We got into several hours of cold wet weather and had to stop and warm a young girl in the group. Got off on camps.
Paradise Bench second night (Tuesday night) lots of rain - decided to just stay if nobody came to claim campsite and nobody did so we stayed instead of going on to Lower Ridge Top which was our designated spot.
Rain delay and floated out early.
We were unable to safely get up to Lower Black Butte in the rain (trail extremely slippery).
We got started Friday P.M. It rained <u>all day</u> Saturday. Had to make up time Sunday.
Day 5 - torrential downpour kept us and two other non-designated parties at Lower Bear Gulch.
Heavy rain, very cold and soaked gear.
Rain kept us from moving on and breaking camp - it rained for 16 hours straight!
Weather was bad, so we finished the trip.
#2 - Weather and time.
Rains came, tried to paddle out.
Rained out last day.
Freezing cold, decided to come out day early - rainy, cold weather
Someone stayed in ours because of bad weather, so we stayed one up, was okay.
Was raining,
Bad weather, two small children, lack of dry clothes.
Saw no one else on river or at any campsites. In busy season, we would have made a concerted effort to stick to schedule. As it was, we stopped early on Day 1 for rain/snow putting us off schedule for remainder of trip.
Trip cut short due to weather, floated thru.
Rained out second day so we went to Paradise Bend.
We floated through from Bear Gulch to Eden Bridge on the third day due to high water and rain.
Weather was poor on 5/6 & had a sick camper. Skipped 2nd planned night at Cow Coulee, made 25+ miles on Friday & camped at Frauhofer.
River muddy, blew through trout.
On Monday weather conditions were rainy so we shortened trip by 1 day, stayed at Rattlesnake cuz we missed Merganser Bend.
Rain forced us to stop at an earlier site.
Third day came in 28 miles - terrible weather.
Storm hit.
Both the weather & the muddy, fast water were not good, so we came off 1 day early.
Rain storm delayed us.
The weather was horrible, snow/rain/sleet, so we didn't go as far Day #3 as planned. Got out 1 day early as weather good.

<u>Campsite Preference</u>
Our declared campsite was Scotty Allen Middle, but we stayed at Lower because it was more attractive and because it was late enough in the day that we didn't think we would "bump" anyone else (but we were prepared to re-camp at Middle if necessary).
Middle Givens slightly better than Lower. I asked for a camp with tarp trees so I didn't like Givens.
Because we wanted to fish more, also Stegmiller was very unappealing.
Lower Cow Coulee - it's not a good camp for 7 people.
Not many people on the river and we liked the looks of this middle one better than upper.
camp too open, no trees for tarp.

It was too small for wall tent.
Crow's Foot seemed barren and thorny, also dead horse in water not far upstream. Lower Given Gulch looked great, but more water to fish @ Rattlesnake.
Middle Sunset Cliff filled with weeds and nettles.
Because Lower Parker was empty (all 3) and it was too gorgeous to pass up; great woodpile, too.
Crowsfoot very poor - full of rosebushes, not a pretty site. No cover, rain was coming.
Givens Lower was unoccupied (we checked first by hiking) and since it was raining the established camp at Lower seemed better than Upper.
We were assigned Upper Bear Gulch - it had fresh cow pies - it was late and we thought no one was coming to Middle, moved camp cooking area to Middle - then a party came, we shared Middle.
We liked Campsite #1 better than #3 at Parker Flats.
Middle unoccupied and nicer.
We were disappointed by lack of trees at #2 & 5 - we did ask for some. Rock Creek was great.
Did not stay at Trout Creek because it was too crowded and not aesthetically pleasing.
Adjacent campsites (in Indian Springs & Franhofer) were nicer and unoccupied so we shifted over.
Lower Fraunhofer was bug-infested - we decided to go to Eden - we flipped two miles from Eden. We were afraid to camp in another spot or on private land - some contingency should exist - easement for exhausted boaters on private land, or a way to double camp.
4th night - we declared Crowsfoot - but checked out and it was too buggy and too full of high, brambly weed, though a beautiful location.
Because I hate Bear Gulch!

Problems with Declaration

Also first camp was selected at too far a distance.
At sunset we had been told the wrong information about the site name. We had wanted Lower so took it anyway, as we got in late enough to be assured no one else was coming. And our conversation with the ranger made us feel he meant Lower but mistakenly wrote Middle.
Misunderstanding on my part and the campsite signs.
No one was using any of the three sites - we took middle because that was the area we thought we had chosen.
We meant to declare Cow Coulee instead of Sunset Beach and it was open.
Sign at Merganser Bend - hard to see. Miss it!
Too far to go. Dead horse in river.
Night #1 didn't make it, Night #2 Ranger steered us wrong, we adjusted.
Missed the sign at Merganser Bend - all 5 of us! Where was it?
We were told at the Great Falls DFW&Parks office there there were so few floaters that it made no difference. The declaration boart at Camp Baker was for "9/1 to 9/30" while we were there on 8/10.
Missed Merganser Bend.
Missed sign at Merganser Bend, didn't see it due to Orrman's incompetence.
Our camp site was Upper Parker Flat. A lady was camped there with Upper Pk #1 on her slip. More care should be taken.
We couldn't figure out where Upper Parker #1 was (same with other folks for Site #2). Only one place as far as anyone could tell so everyone ended up at same place. This was completely unclear, especially as there is also a Lower Parker with several sites, too.

THIS NEEDS FIXING.
We specifically asked ranger for the Rattlesnake site with trees and he gave us lowere w/no trees. No one else was assigned. Same problem at Table Rock.
Was registered for 2 nights at Upper Sunset Cliff. This site is fit for a last alternative.
Mistook #3 for Lower at Indian Springs.
Large group of rafters declared sites. Wanted solitude. The October signup sheet wasn't up on board.

Equipment Problems
Raft problems.
Night 2 we needed to patch the boat and we stopped early.
Disabled raft - swamped.
Rental boats had bad leaks. Had to repair and allow to dry. Put us behind schedule. Couldn't make designated campsite w/o ruining trip.

Schedule Changes
Did not stay 3rd night, got out.
We paddled out in one day.
Pushed on further to make up time.
Had enough daylight to make more miles, and we knew the campsites wouldn't be crowded.
Last day we floated out, so we didn't stay at Rattlesnake as planned.
River was moving faster than we anticipated - we wanted to be on river longer and cover more ground.
Under estimated distance and time - no one was on the river so it didn't seem important to stay at designated site.
We made better time than anticipated with the river running quite fast.
Got there earlier than expected due to speed of river, went on to Staigmiller.
Fast water, early arrival.
Didn't make enough distance.
We were not on schedule.
Launched @ 11 AM - too late to get our spots.
Skipped 3rd night camping. Floated out to Eden Bridge on day 3.
Didn't make good enough time.
2nd night we didn't float as far as anticipated.
Decided to stay an extra night.
We left the river one day early.
Not enough daylight to get there.
3rd night wanted to get further down river.
Didn't make it that far by dark.
River running slower than anticipated and early darkness.

Miscellaneous Reasons
Had ill person and stayed extra night at Fraunhofer and then directly out.
Lost our campsite list.
Decided since not many people on river to go on but Trout Creek was full, ended up at Crowsfoot.
No reservations needed.
Camped on private property with their permission.
My mistake, set camp prior to checking declared site, thought name meant all 3 sites.
Did not stay overnight.
Fished by the site, much to our chagrin.
Stayed with friends. Cash Luvec.

The 2nd night we missed Upper Sunset because of the current but didn't say Upper Sunset either.
This was our first float and did not know the river. We only saw two other parties and we made sure we did not take their campsites.
We verified our mileage every day.
New ones we were not aware of.
Did not need to declare one - late float - Aug -

Boatcamp Comments:
Nice, spacious, clean
Camps and river were very clean of litter. Beautiful country.
All excellent. Very clean latrines. No litter. Wood left at each (tho we gathered our own; also left some). Fabulous experience: you all do a good job!
At first we weren't sure we liked the open latrines - they became the highlight of the campsite - mighty relaxin!
All very nice, well organized, well marked.
Nicely kept!
Excellent.
Good shape, great to have latrines @ all sites.
Good sites, good facilities.
Excellent overall.
Good camps
Boat camps in excellent condition, no little. Good work!
Nice latrines!
Very clean and organized, fire pits were full, had to be excavated to be used but no problem.
Really good, great views!!!!
Just that they were beautiful.
Good.
Clean!
Good camps.
Looked clean.
Very well kept, clean, and good locations. State money spent well, thanks for a good float.
Much improved.
First campsite muddy, others were very good.
Excellent.
They were nice altogether.
Very, very nice.
They were great! Very clean!
Good campsites, none shared, not crowded.
The outdoor latrines are OK with us! Small contained houses have a smell about them.
Great! Loved the toilets!
Very nice - good toilet facilities.
Some were overcamped and therefore muddy. Several fire rings, too. But very clean!
They were great! Very clean!
Nice and clean. Beautiful. Great trip even though it rained the whole time (hail, too)!
Camp sites clean & beautiful.
They were excellent.
Comfortable. Felt "secure".
All were clean and pleasant.
They were all clean of litter. Very nice to have latrines at all sites.
Great views from latrine.
Boat camps in excellent condition, no litter. Good work!
Great.
Most latrines full, too many campsites & people.

Excellent condition.
No, very good.
Good - very clean - nicely located.
They were great.
Need proper access to latrines, otherwise fabulous.
Well done - impressive job.
Very clean.
You've been doing a wonderful job maintaining the campsites. Thank you!
Without exception, the sites were very nice and comfortable.
Good sites.
They were all clean, neat and well maintained.
Good toilets.
We really enjoyed the wooded areas.
All very clean. Nice facilities.
Great - clean.
Well marked and cared for by campers.
Clean.
Excellent.
Clean.
Nice camps, beautiful week.
The camps were very clean and well maintained. Firewood was available at each site.
All nice - thanks! Great float.
Found campsite in excellent condition.
Had lunch at Middle Cow Coulee. Was very clean and well kept.
Clean, no litter - beautiful spot. Best trip we have taken since 1968.
Basic necessities good idea - latrines.
Most are nice.
Everything was great.
Clean - looking good.
Interesting latrines.
The sites all appeared great - well maintained & well selected.
Well marked to find them.
Excellent - neat!
MFW&P are to be commended for developing and maintaining a great floater's experience. The toilet seats were very appreciated, as well as the open air privy!
Other 2 campsites were excellent (Good job on camps - keep it up).
It was a <u>fine</u> experience. Exciting weather too.
Excellent trip.
They were in great condition. We liked how Smith River is monitored.
They were empty and good.
Excellent.
Camps are in great locations and clean. Good trip.
Everything was very clean. We had a great time!
V. good condition & a great site 1st nite - 2nd site fine but difficult landing (very private though).
Excellent shape.
Appreciate the latrines.
Too much cow shit.
Nice toilets, flat areas, etc. Great camps.
Most quite nice. Stayed at Dry Canyon and Paradise.
They were in great shape, great view off latrine! We had a great trip - thanks. The Base Camp Crew.
Very clean - pleasant.
Satisfied!
The work crew had just completed their trip, so camps were clean and a real delight. The new camps looked good - we stayed at

Canyon Depth.
All of them were really great.
Great camps, well kept. "You guys do a good job."
Nice to see the new boat camps
We have rafted this river for years and are very impressed with how clean and well maintained the campsites are - a welcome change. The latrines are also a very much needed improvement. Keep up the good work.
Views from latrines - uniformly spectacular!
Good Job! Clean Campsites!
Best shape camps have ever been
Campsites were clean and in good shape.
Great accommodations.
All were excellent.
All were very nice.
There seemed to be many flies in designated camps. Very well marked.
They were in good shape and clean - nice campsites.
Superb ... folks picking up ... latrines clean.
Boat camp was very clean.
Excellent.
Very clean; well laid out; well maintained. Bad weather - but great trip.
Generally well kept campsites. System continues to work well.
Thank you Montana!
Didn't like the road going thru them

Boatcamp Management Reccomendations

Showing some vegetation damage - do you rest rotate them?
Dead grass marked where previous fire rings had been. Since most trips use canoes or rafts, I recommend that in future you institute a policy of requiring fire pans and either require the ashes be packed out or dumped in the river. Require the fire pans be elevated so as not to destroy vegetation Contact the USFS in Salmon ID for information on how they enforce this requirement on their administered rivers, the Selway, Salmon and Middle Fork of the Salmon.
Should have permanent fire pits (on the ground, not metal)
A picnic table at each boat camp would be a big plus.
Tables would make camping & cooking easier.
Put down grass seed at campsites at the end of season.
Too much leafy spurge.
Would like to see firewood at campsites.
Latrines need more fill, maybe grass. Very clean.
Getting to be too many boat camps.
We went ahead and canoed to Great Falls. It would be nice to have a site at juncture of Smith/Missouri - as is, private land all the way.
We encourage FW&P to spread the sites out more along the river and not have an upper, middle and lower site on the same point. It felt too crowded.
Good idea to try and secure more boat camp leases below Rattlesnake ... would spread the use out more.
Campsites are relatively clean - park service regs are working - I'd recommend using fire pans - too many fire rings!
A cow "pays" $.05 per day. We paid $5.00 a day. At 100% markup I think cattle should be kept out of camps, at least "canyon depth" camp. The quality is first class on this float. Camps after mile 50 would be beneficial if possible with landowners. I would not mind fire pan requirments, nor mandatory portable latrine use.
View from the latrines was more obstructed than necessary.

It's time to require fire pans and everyone should pack out the ashes and pack in their firewood or use stoves.
It might not be long until fires are restricted at a few campsites.
How about dismantling fire rings and designating some boat camps as non-fire sites?
Campsite could have maybe large rocks or something of this nature for something to sit on.

Specific Boatcamp Comments

Lower Spring Creek was very clean & fire ring nearly empty.

Mouth of Rock Creek fairly well worked over by livestock (cattle). Lots of crap!

A lot of dog feces at **Dry Canyon.**
Looks like stinging nettles mixed in with raspberries at Dry Cyn.

Scotty Allen (Lower) the latrine does not have enough foot room.
Yes! Scotty Allen - garbage & moo.
M. Scottie Allen campsite has had heavy cow use with abundant cowpies and limited unsoiled tentsites.

Cows competed with us for **Canyon Depth** & they left their greetings all over!!
"Canyon Depth" campground was full of fresh cattle pies.

Two Creek campsite had no trees - very hard in adverse weather.
Latrine best part of Two Creeks.
Two Creek - poor location for latrine - dangerous when wet.

At Middle **Cow Coulee** the latrine looks right at the lower camp site - is a little uncomfortable for modest people - could be shielded a little better.
The habituated coons at Cow Coulee will be more & more of a problem.
Excellent sites at Cow Coulee & Fraunhofer.
A couple of cows at Middle Cow Coulee.

Upper Sunset was wonderful. Lots of neat flower & nice meadow above the camp. It was also secluded enough from other **Sunset Cliff** camps.
Sunset - steps needed at river's edge.
Latrine at Upper Sunset very smelly (view nice, though!!) Middle Sunset is nice, but main area needs rosebushes whacked down a little better and then get rid of all the thorny broken sticks all over campfire ring area.
Pesky horses at Sunset.
The sign for Middle Sunset is in a poor location - a difficult spot to land the boats and the clearing is filled with wild roses. The camping area just around the bend and just above Lower Sunset is nice but a floater might go past - maybe the sign for Middle should also say landing sites just around bend. We saw a party with 6 large dogs that seemed a bit much for a float trip wilderness experience.
Keep horses out of Sunrise campground. Tipped over my coffee pot!
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Sunset Cliff needs another latrine

At Lower Sunset we had 4 tents from a party of 13 closer to us than to their own group owing to a lack of tent space at Middle.
At Upper Sunset, latrine was in full view of capers at Middle Sunset.

Upper **Bear Gulch** was fine, because the weather was clear. It if had rained, it would have been a very wet site. There was no place nearby to tie a tarp and no shelter. Basically it was a wide open field.

Could move Lower **Trout Creek** down stream a bit - pretty close of M. T. Creek campsite.
Lunchtime at Upper Trout Creek - bad latrine - smelly and very buggy.

Crowsfoot is basically treeless and could be improved only by changing to a treed area.
Crows Foot needs some work.
Crow's Foot - needs better trail to latrine - hard to load and unload.
Crows Foot - marginal campsite, needs work.
Crow's Foot had a really muddy access, but was otherwise great -
Crowsfoot - marginal campsite, needs work.
Crowsfoot was really neato!

Table Rock has no privacy between sites and latrines.
The toilet used by people in Tablerock #2 is immediately east of the Tablerock #1 camp. It is not a very private toilet.

Middle **Fraunhofer** the fire ring was full of ash and unsightly.
There was no level campsite at Upper Fraunhofer. Up the hill there was a terrible smell from latrine. No fire ring. Could be a pleasant site if tent space and kitchen space was leveled. Very close to Middle F. Upper & Middle would work for large group.
They were nice - Middle Fraunhoffer is due for a new toilet hole.
Upper Frauhofer needs some shade - HOT CAMPSITE!
The trail out of Fraunhofer was in good shape to the top. I cleaned a bit of debris off.
Frauhofer latrine - best in the world. Spray for leafy spurge.
Upper Fraunhofer shouldn't be a camp site at all!

Upper Parker - for large groups w/big kitchens campsite too far from water.

Paradise Bend was a lovely view.
Great acquistion - Paradise Bend! Thanks.
Paradise Bend was wonderful - because it was new.
Paradise Bend was simply marvelous! Found 3 lbs. of morels which we ate. The weather cleared up and it was a blast!

May 18 and June 8 we passed by **Staigmiller** for a potty break. We were glad we hadn't declared Staigmiller as a boat camp because it was very swampy, weedy and weeds almost up to latrine seat both times.

Merganser Bend is lovely, but the latrine is nearly full and overgrown with weeds.
Merganser is the best.
Merganser poorly marked.
Shitter at Merganser Bend. Needs a new hole dug.
Sign at Merganser Bend is rotten at base

Merganser Bend should be moved 150' east into the trees to take advantage of the afternoon shade.

Lower **Black Butte** is too close to Upper Black Butte.
Whoever designed Black Butte should consider another line of work - the toilets flood directly down trail to camp - BAD IDEA!
Upper Black Butte needs closed so it can get a rest & restored.

Up, Mid, Low **Ridgetop** a little close, but beautiful.
Lower Ridge, poison ivy should be removed if possible.
Clean latrine at Lower Ridgetop. Nice view at Lower Ridgetop.
Ridge Top was very muddy.
Upper Ridgetop needs a rest - too worn.

Facility at Middle Givens - very good.
Move toilet at **Givens Gulch** out of berry patch.
Very nice. Would have enjoyed a tree or 2 at Lower Givens.
The hiking etc. around Middle Givens was nice but the camp itself is a little cramped for more than four people - has had too much use.
Poison ivy at Lower Givens campsite right by trail. Got soaking wet getting to latrine through brush at Lower Givens. Well-sheltered, though.
Rattlesnake, ants, mosquitos and flies at Upper Givens.
We loved the Middle Givens Gulch - latrines are in great shape - Givens (Lower) needs path to Latrine cleared too many tall bushes.
Upper Givens is poorly located - lots of poison ivy. Could site be moved down to flat area near river bank?
Givens had been left dirty - garbage, human waste.

There is a lot of nettle at the **Rattlesnake** latrine.
Rattlesnake Upper needs steps up.
Rattlesnake lovely!

Violations - Miscellaneous
No. (112 answers)
None. (16 answers)
Campfire left burning at Lower Fraunhoffer, morning of 7/1.
Fire not out Couwets.
None witnessed, thanx for monitoring.
Thought no weekend launches by outfitters. Montana Rivers launched Sunday.
No! Seemed to be law-abiding in all cases!
No-only saw 4 other people during this trip.
None-we saw no one!
Didn't see any other boats
No #031
None...nobody on the river!
NO. Atmosphere on the river was always pleasent
Racoons were ornery!
We think so, but we're not sure.
Yes trip #230 seemed to be an outfitted trip while using private user tags. The number of boats made floating traffic horrible.
Big ugly truck parked on island in river.
Great Falls @ Trout Creek Campground, Mile 33.
A great float - except who is the bastard with the large truck ATV who drove you down the river and through Trout Camp -really a downer!
Individuals shooting from cabin into river just above dry creek camp.
We saw a party with 6 large dogs that seemed a bit much for a float

trip wilderness experience.
Outfitter at Lower Sunset spread out over too big an area, encroached on Middle Sunset.
None; everybody courteous.
At Canyon Depth, there was a person camping on other side of fence. They were on a motorcycle.

Littering
Stopped at Middle Scotty Allen for lunch - quite a bit of small trash. But all other sites we stayed at were very clean and in good shape.
Lower Cow Coulee was slightly littered. Also - lowest campsite (down river) had been left in terrible shape. We didn't use it but inspected it as a possible tent site. Campers who had used it did not use the latrine.
Compost-type garbage is being left around as though it's not really garbage!
Pick up beer cans around Upper Dry camp.
No - picked up some extra trash.
No, other than littered campsite mentioned. (Lower Cow Creek)
Litter - Paradise Bend - pigsty.
At Upper Ridgetop, when scouting for wood, a bag of garbage was found up by the rocks. Carried out with us.
Launch #93.
Yes - Lower Givens Gulch: Mr. party from Bozeman - very nice people, although extremely inexperienced canoists, we were very surprised to see the trash they left in their firepit.
Some foil in campfire rings.
Had to clean ashes from all fire rings.
Garbage in fire pit at Indian Springs (6-14-93).
Garbage up hill from Upper Scotty.
. dumped trash on private land right by Trout Creek Campground.
Yes, Cow Coulee Middle had a tremendous amount of trash around camp.
Bear Gulch Campground - Beer cans left in firering, we packed some out.
Yes-litter
No - picked up some extra trash
There were small amounts of litter of all sorts - would be nice to see none!
We cleaned up some trash
Some trash at Sunset
The people who preceded us at Rattlesnake left jeans, fish hooks, and cigar and cigarette butts were all over site. We cleaned up most.
Cigaret butts around campgrounds, and metal in fire pit.
Micro trash was in need of patrol by floaters and FWP.
Too many cigarette butts!
Garbage in fire pit (Indian Springs)
Sunset Cliff - trash had been left.

Campsite Behavior
Noisy!
There was a lot of late nite noise which was disturbing.
Firearms shot off at Lower Sunset & a camp or area just abouve
Noisy campgrounds

Resource Damage
People are beginning to chop at green trees & shrubs.
People cutting trees up high on private ground. Dead trees.

We hiked to the pictoglyphs at Mile XX - someone has "decorated" the middle one - it was not there 4 years ago, otherwise it looked the same. I'm glad its not "public" knowledge that these are there.
2 people at mid-afternoon thursday pitching large boulders off cliff on right between Cow Coulee & Sunset (caused rocks to break off cliff as well as the thrown rocks to land in river) as we come floating by. They probably camped that night at Cow Coulee, maybe Sunset Cliff.
Indian paintings are fading from people touching them.
Ridge Top showed very heavy human impact; live trees cut, grass worn, fire ring area messy.

Fishing
Fishing yes, trespass or litter no.
While staying at Rock Creek, I was fishing a hole and some jerk landed in the middle of it, stared at me like I didn't belong there then fished my hole and Rock Ck. for 1.5 hrs with his buddies in two other boats. I was hot enough to weld with.
Yes- fish killed in the slot limit. People seemed not to know they had a violation-suggestion-post rules more visible @ put-in maybe post at campsites.
Saw a crew w/line of good size 15-20" trout-possible using bait @ Rock Creek - could not see tags
Yes, people keeping fish between 13"-22" and live bait
One guy said he caught and kept a 15" rainbow but didn't appear to be aware of the regs.

Trespass
One trespass violation - one party camped on priv. prop. Can't remember where (2nd day).
One group in unauthorized (unmarked) camp.
Just high water stuff
Yes at tenderfoot creek - didn't see # picnickers
Yes - trespass on McKaymies

Other Floater Comments
Fishing
Caught 1 rainbow - 10". Caught 24 browns - 8-18".
Maybe stock the river with more fish.
Fishing was slow.
Fishing was "good" considering water condition which was poor.
Water high and muddy -- lures worked, flies didn't.
Fish were bigger than 2 years ago.
Fishing was pretty good. Quality (size) of browns improved vs. 3 years ago.
The size of fish are getting bigger each year.
Fish was great and a lot of fun!!!
Didn't fish.
Poor fishing, worst we ever had.
Brown drake hatch Day 3 & 4 - excellent fishing
Nice trip, but heavy rain raised water and hurt the fishing.
Fishing could have been better (water was too murky due to rainfall).
This section should be catch and release with fly and spinner fishing only.
Tighter fishing restrictions, fly and lure only, minimal creel limits.
Water was high and murky so we didn't fish much.
A fine trip but not fine fishing.
Everything was great. Fishing was lousy. Sure do like the new

system!
22nd year on Smith for me. Fish noticeably smaller this year. Best fishing I'vd had in seven years - (don"t tell anyone). Great trip - right before the river come up-lots of browns, hungry for Sculpins and Wooly Buggers. May fly hatch on lower river-rising fish as far down a McCamey"s. Camps in great shape.
Caught a 23" brown! Incredible trip.
Did not catch a fish
Given the high water conditions fishing was really not bad.
It was a great float. The weather was awesome, however, we caught no fish. But we loved it!
Great trip. Disappointed in fishing.
Fish were bigger than two years ago.
Fishing was real slow. Few small browns. A number of real small rainbows.
I spent the time teaching my son (10 years old) to improve his fly fishing skills - He managed to do quite well for his age and skill level!
Lousy fishing.
Filter silt from river above Camp Baker to improve fishery.
Water very muddy & fast so fishing condition very poor
Didn't fish
Fishing off for the condition's of the river.
Water extremely high & muddy feel it hampered fishing greatly.
Not enough visibility (clarity) for the fishing to be good.
Good fishing this year - better than in the past;

Staff
Good advice from Ranger Scott re: camp selection.
Scott Zerba was terrific at the put-in.
Very clean - ranger was very helpful and polite (Chris).
Special thanks to a very friendly and helpful ranger - Chris Lorenz. Appreciate the Good Sams to watch the cars.
Ranger Scott very friendly & helpful. River Mgr. also very friendly. Thank you.
Good trip, no problems, FWP personnel very friendly & helpful - good system.
Doug Haberman was extremely helpful in helping us plan our trip, choose campsites, etc. Thanks, Doug.
Doug Haberman (ranger @ Camp Baker) was really great at the put-in. Scott was pleasant and helpful.
(Our ranger, Scott?, was very helpful in getting us registered, assigned and launched.)
Scott Zerba was very helpful! Pay him more. (Happy Face)
River Ranger was a helpful, nice guy
Chris is a good river host.
River ranger Chris Lorentz should be noticed for his kindness and helpfulness.
Scott Zerba was very helpful and greatly aided us in having a great float - despite the never ending rain.
Thanks is owed to Doug Haberman for his advice on campsite selection. Thanks Doug!
Keep up the good work. Appreciate the Good Sam's to watch the cars.
We were impressed with the Rangers also - very polite, informative and effective. Nice job.
Beautiful place. Ranger Chris Lorenz was very helpful.
Ranger Chris was very informative and helpful.
Thank you for having camp hosts at the Eden Bridge take out.
Great river ranger.
Scott at Camp Baker an excellent help! Thanks.

Ranger, Chris was great, we hope that can keep him on the river for a long time, Ida & Cheyl King
It's not every day one chances to meet as fine a fellow as Scott Zerba. Truly one of the few people endowed with the traits & qualties to make a differance.
Awesome staff! Loading and unloading we were greeted by friendly, informed, professional, and quite "good looking" (ha hah!) young men.
Ranger Chris was extremely friendly & helpful.
Dept. rep. at launch site was very courfteous and helpful. Does a great PR job. Thanks.
The river ranger was doing a good job of providing info, monitoring river activities and was enthusiastic and liked his job.

Public Information
Nice and clean but need info on morning sun on camp.
Rapids might be marked.
Liked the signs.
Great signs.
Please post elevation. Would like more historical and geology data available - with map.
People need to be given a lecture at the put-in about how to clean up a campsite
Please publish a current map w/new campsites.
NOTE: Write in brochure not to touch cave paintings.
Your form won't accept either pen or pencil when it's wet.
Many sweepers and strainers last stretch of river. Ranger should make this part of briefing. Second set of rapids at Givens difficult for open canoes and inexperienced paddlers. Recommend hand lining around.
Do not increase the number of signs on the river. Decrease is possible.
Two differant flow readings given out by DFWP & and at weather systm was confusing.
Sign at Camp Baker reads Indian Springs #2 - this is very misleading - take it down!
More info about the camps for 1st timers would be helpful - Thanks Chris
Signs helped and were not obtrusive.
The Fish & Game guy "announced" when he would travel the river @ C. Baker - maybe he shouldn"t tell groups when he would be traveling
We picked up driftwood to burn & saw an outfitter doing the same....folks should be told of this option (if they can"t figure it out). It was sure nice to find a little extra wood at the campsites when it had been raining all day. We tried to leave extras too. Canoe groups need to be instructed in edquete - stop - pass - stop - pass activity is annoying.
The sites between main sites should be marked with a small sign to avoid encroachment & confusion.
On sign-up board (campsite declarations) have rows better distinguished so people don't accidentally list wrong campsites. For E.G. someone else showed up at our site claiming they had signed for it - fortunately the next down ws open this time and they weren't shut out.
How about identifying and describing hiking opportunities on the float map? Add historical information on area, people, events, etc.

General Management Recommendations
Keep it as a 61-mile trip (no mid)!
Absolutely beautiful - keep up the excellent management (wish

California would do some).
Mark and develop more fresh water supplies.
Enough of the development, roads, cabins, golf courses already!
Let's give the Smith the distinction & protection that comes with the declared status of being the "Wild and Scenic River" that it is.
People should not bring their dogs!!
Suggestion: a separate garbage for aluminum. Give to Boy Scouts or some group.
Tap more springs if possible and tell people where they are. We didn't notice Bear Gulch spring until we were past the sign.
Spray the spurge.
We love the Smith - and we pay more if money was used to buy more Smith frontage.
Get rid of SOB outfitters.
Get the clowns with the helicopter out of the canyon. Make this a wild and scenic water system and buy out all private land in this canyon and put into public domain. This place is too unique of a place to be in private ownership.
There should be dumpster at the Camp Baker put in!
Need to consider leafy spurge management plan for the canyon.
Acquire private landholdings to prevent further development in canyon. Outlaw ghetto blasters.
-Please spray the spurge in the parking lot so it dosn't get spread. A weed sign at the beginning would also make people aware.
Float gates should be replaced & replaced with property markers.
Beautiful area. Would encourage purchase of additional public lands.
Burn down Deep Creek Outfitters and several other eyesores.

General Comments
Excellent work!!
All very good! Like your system!
Good system.
Great trip. (13 answers)
Thanks!
Wonderful trip.
Great stuff. Thanks.
Beautiful float.
Mark improvement - keep up good work!
Good trip, no problems.
A pleasant floating experience.
Great trip. Please increase length of river!
The system is working. Everything was perfect. Don't change nothing about the entire program. It's great!
Water a little high.
Great, we hopefully will be back next year!! Thanks.
Enjoyed it thoroughly!
Great trip enjoyed every second.
This was the nicest river we have ever floated. Courteous, friendly people; clean river; wonderful camps; aggressive, big fish. Thank you, Doug, for all your help. Sorry we couldn't remember how many fish we caught those two days.
Put-in was very organized.
Steel tee posts at mile #59.
Management of the River is probably good idea. Advance planning helps with making a quality experience.
Good trip, except rain 7/2, 7/3, 7/4, 7/5. We bailed out 1 day early.
Great trip - prettiest place we have ever seen!
A very nice trip.

All in all the system is good and working well ... friendly employees and hosts ... restore the cutthroat.
Wonderful trip!
Great floating but solid rain for 3 days.
Thanks.
Glad the river was at 725 cfs so we could get out of the cold - rain and hail - beautiful trip!! We had a great time!! We'll do it again.
Good trip. Nice clean campsites.
Fees are fair. Good work! Thank you!
Only the weather was lacking.
Wonderful trip!
Excellent trip!
Happy to pay $15 per to have the area preserved and monitored.
Hope weather and water better next time.
Weather - cold rain - was tough for 8 days. High water was exciting. Altogether another great trip on the Smith.
We had a marvelous time.
Leafy spurge is taking over the river bank.
A fantastic, ethereal experience! Thank you. Stan Meyer.
Thanks
Beautiful trip
Snow caught by surprise!
H2O was dirty but still had a great time.
Dead horse in water just below trout creek. Looks awful- Smells Worse!!
Great trip. LOTS of rain 1st night. Fishing poor-river too muddy. Didn't really care though. Scenery great!
Beautiful trip! Well managed by State
Good floating water Poor fishing
The latrines are great!
Great weather!
Too much regulation, but fantastic trip!
Great River, Beautifull scenery
Well managed.
Enjoyable trip
River Muddy
Nice trip. Hope to do it again.
Nice float.
Great trip - we'll be back.
River too muddy and high for good fishing. Weather beautiful. Campsites clean. Good trip.
Raccons were ornery! Beautiful area. Campsites not trashed and we'll be back.
Great management program.
Thank you!
Marked improvement - make up good work.
Good system.
Thanks!
We took out at Chartier/Fillinger's on Sunday at 500 pm. 8/15/93
We put in Tuesday at our cabin at Two Creeks at 11:00 am Took out at Jr. Carlson's at 5:00 pm We got soaked in the rain.
We lost our floaters log. Everything went fine. Nice camps, beautiful week. Thanks.
Well managed. Nice job!
72 year old woman (Laura Deschner) kayaked the river. Her 73 year old husband (Tom) also. Great job of river management.
Thanks - I see lots of improvements on the River. People managment-wise since 1980.
We had a great time!
Great trip! Good job!

Cows have made Mothers spring unfit to use.
Kinda of expensive for Mt residents. Thanx
Conditions very good.
Great Trip! & Beauiful Country
Beautiful violets-robins feeding, warblers fly catching.
We loved it
Great Trip! Most Beautiful river we've ever been down.
Hard to pick a weekend @ sunshine!!!
-Other than the weather, a beautiful. - Great experience
Magnificent canyon - a little shallow - rocks!
Good Trip
Fun & Beautiful Saw 3 young eagles after Paradise Bend
Nice trip
Excellent trip, weather not so hot.
Found active bear den approximately 1/4 mile up Tenderfoot Creek on left side.
Excellent trip.
Western tanager, water ouzel, swallows, bald eagles - 2, mallard, merganser.
Great experience.
Beautiful weather, very clean campsites, great latrine locations, friendly WP guys.
Really enjoyed the trip.
Some gear was lost in river and we had to leave some on riverbank to walk to Eden.
Canyon is very well managed.
At Lower Trout Creek, a mountain lion was in the campsite at 3:00 A.M. fighting with a raccoon. (Within 10 yards of our tent)
Found binoculars - will return. Write to Gary Major, 814 Michigan, Gooding ID 83330 or call (208)934-4134.
Neat float trip - can't wait to do it next year!
Good floating; some small flies but otherwise great for September!
Too bad there are so many private cabins along the river - takes away from the scenic value.
Nice trip - good weather.

July 9, 1993

Doug Haberman
Montana Dept. of Fish, Wildlife & Parks
Box 6610
Great Falls, MT 59406

Dear Doug,

Thank you very much for the extremely helpful information you provided about the Smith River.

Your help was the key to finalizing our decision to canoe the Smith in late June. It was a really great trip for our party of six!! We experienced good water, all kinds of weather and friendly and courteous people on the river.

The management system adopted, which includes pre-registration, daily launch limitations and mandatory campsite declarations, really worked out well. You and all those involved in developing this system should be complimented for an excellent job---everyone benefits. Our experience was a delightful contrast to that described in a magazine article about the Smith.

We would also like to express our appreciation to Chris Lorentz for his courtesy and helpful advice about the river. He is an excellent addition to your river staff. Also, we were fortunate to meet John Mundinger on the river. You have excellent people working for your Agency.

Thank you for an outstanding experience....we hope to return again from Olympia, WA to the Smith River soon!

Gratefully,

Dawn Martin
Dawn Martin

Don Ford
Don Ford

Shirlene Anderson
Shirlene Anderson

Dick Martin
Dick Martin

Jeannette Ford
Jeannette Ford

Bob Anderson
Bob Anderson

cc: Errol T. Galt, Chairman
MT Fish, Wildlife & Parks Commission

Hamre
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July 12, 1993

Mr. Doug Haberman
Smith River Manager
Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks
4600 Giant Springs Road
Great Falls, MT 59406

Dear Doug:

Our Smith River float party was assigned permit #261 for a June 15 launch date. I did not turn in the Floaters Log at the end of the trip because I wanted to talk with you or Chris on a mixup in camp assignments with Outfitter Paul Roos. Having talked with yuou since the trip, I am satisfied that there was a mistake and that Roos was not just moving in on our good campsites.

We had a good trip and doubled up with Roos' parties without real difficulty. However, I suggest that next year you require float parties to carry and present their permit to anyone who believes they have been assigned that camp. Neither Roos nor his other party leader, John Kowalski, had their permits with them, which raised a question as to their truthfulness with us.

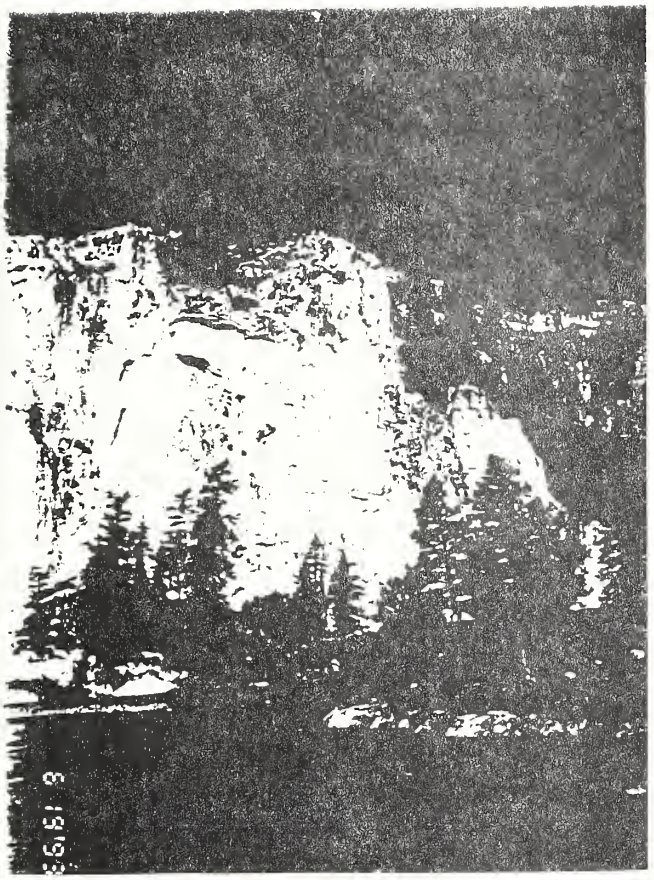
I am enclosing a copy of a poem about the Smith River composed by Vincent Van Meter, one of Roos' guides. I put a photo of the cliff below Lower Given campsite with it, as it seemed to go with the verse.

Sincerely,

Vern Hamre

Vern Hamre

Enclosure



THE SMITH RIVER

by

Vincent Van Meter

Stratus walls of ancient stone
Surround me as I drift alone
Through halls of kings whose realms are dreams
Composed by those who ride their streams

Statues shaped by mother's hands
Keep silent watch upon the lands
That lie below these walls of stone
Where now I drift much less alone

April's tears are held at bay
By painted fields, her gift to May
That hug these walls of crystal streams
Like tapestries for kings in dreams

Hollow eyes of painted stone
Glare down at I who drift alone
Tombs of tales long since told
They stare through time to days of old

I find a field in which to lay
As darkness gnaws away at day
And lay my head to mother's breast
My cares at bay, my soul at rest

I find myself not big nor small
Simply part of which I call
A land of dreams and fabled myth
On a crystal stream we call the Smith.

545 Holt Drive
Bigfork, MT 59911

July 14, 1993

Smith River Program Managers
Montana DFWP
Great Falls, Montana

After recently floating the Smith River, I want to compliment all of you who are working to make this program a success.

First of all, the reservation system seems to be a major improvement. It effectively reduces crowding and is a very necessary mechanism for preserving the recreational quality of the river. We found the River Ranger (Chris) to be extremely knowledgeable and helpful in planning our trip and selecting campsites. He does an outstanding job of representing your agency in a friendly but professional manner.

I whole heartedly support the permit system and do not feel that the fee is excessive. Hopefully, the funds raised will help to ensure that the river continues to be well-managed. I also support efforts to lease additional lands for boat camps, especially in the congested Rattlesnake Camp area.

We found all our boat camps to be litter-free and the pit toilets clean and well-maintained. This is a tribute to the efforts of the River Rangers and perhaps to the environmental ethics of most floaters. The campground host at Eden take-out was friendly and probably a deterrent to vandals.

The only major disappointment of the trip was the sudden and obvious deterioration of water quality as the river reached the concentrated agricultural use area around Hound Creek. It was raining steadily when we floated through there, and a heavy load of sediment was coming from surface erosion and improperly drained roads. There must be some way to encourage the landowners to correct these problems; providing financial assistance similar to the "Blackfoot Challenge" might help.

And finally, I think the counties should be encouraged to upgrade the local roads by placing more gravel in problem areas. It seems logical that local businesses which benefit from Smith River recreational use could help by providing some seed money.

The Smith River is a magnificent resource. Congratulations on your efforts to protect and enhance it.

Sincerely,

Michael D. Enk

Michael D. Enk

July 19, 1993

Department of Fish, Wildlife and Game
District 4 Headquarters
4600 Giant Springs Road
Great Falls, Montana 59401

Attn: Smith River Supervisor

Dear Sir:

I would like to bring to your attention the excellent service we have received from your officer at Camp Baker, Chris Lorentz. Chris has been our check in officer and all the guys we float with have commented on how professional and helpful he has been. Some of the campsites were unfamiliar to us, Chris' descriptions and directions were exceptional and accurate.

I have been able to float the Smith River with friends and associates for many years. I must say you are "on the right track". The latrines in all the camps have been well maintained. Especially, the courtesy and information given us by Officer Lorentz makes for an extremely enjoyable float trip.

Thank you again to all who make the Smith River a manageable area.

Sincerely,

Swede Malmberg

Swede Malmberg
RR 1 Box 16
Raynesford, MT 59469

cc: Chris Lorentz

06/25/93

FW&P
Attn: Doug Haberman
4600 Giant Springs Rd
Great Falls, MT 59406

Sir:

Over time I have heard many people bad mouth FW&P and yes I am as guilty as anyone. However, I recently floated the Smith River and found I needed to compliment your department on a management job I found to be first rate. The Ranger at the start (Scott Zerpa) was more than helpful and very professional. The way the floats are managed was well thought out. Campsites were very nice and well marked. By limiting the floaters and spreading them out it almost seems like you have the river to yourself.

Thank you for the effort. I cannot think of a better way to manage such a valuable and beautiful area.

I have been making plans to share the Smith with other friends and family since the float started.

As always:

Edward R. Goerlich

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PENNY RITCHIE
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August 11, 1993

Mr. Doug Habermann
Smith River - District Parks Manager
Montana Dept of Fish, Wildlife & Parks
PO Box 6610
Great Falls, Montana 59406

Dear Doug,

I am writing to tell you how very impressed we were with the way you are managing the Smith River. The float itself was wonderful, as was the fishing. But what impressed us the most was your organization and efficiency, as well as the cleanliness of the campsites. You have done an excellent job convincing everyone to pick up after themselves, and (I'm sure) to pick up after others. The only bit of trash we encountered in the entire six days was a wet cardboard box. When we went to pick it up, we discovered that it was marked "dry firewood" and held plastic-wrapped wood. As rainy as it was the week we were on the river, we were sure someone would appreciate it.

The campground assignment system worked well, too. It was nice to know that we could count on a place to camp without having to rush downstream.

Thank you for your contributions to a wonderful place. And if you had anything to do with the fact that it only rained at night, we appreciated that too!

Sincerely,

Penny Ritchie

Penny Ritchie

August 17,1993

Dear Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks,

Enclosed is my survey card from The Smith River which I failed to turn in at Eden Bridge.

My hat is off to the efforts of floaters, private landowners and your department for making this float a good one. I would be willing to participate in any more surveys for this and other rivers. Whether or not The Smith River needs fire pans and/or portable toilets, I would be one Montana resident who would not mind their use. And I can see the day when permits will either be on a lottery basis during the busy season or will be prearranged on a first-in, first-out system.

The float we did last week was with a fourteen foot raft in August. That was unusual. There were less floaters than in the normal busy time of year. There was a water depth of 3.5 feet.With less floaters we were told by your department to list our camps, but that camping anywhere would be alright, that is, camp in any posted campground. I hope we did not put any other floaters out of a camp which they may have listed and wanted. Perhaps a list of camps explaining the number of camps per listing, that is whether there are upper, middle and lower, plus the carrying capacity of each camp would be helpful. Thank you.

Yours truly,

Don Arneson
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306 Dillon St.
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783
August 18, 1993

Montana Department of Fish Wildlife and Parks
Region 4
ATTN: Doug Habermann
P.O. Box 6610
Great Falls, MT 59406

Dear Mr. Habermann:

My wife and I and four friends did a four day canoe trip on the Smith River at the end of June, and I'm writing to let you know how pleased we were with all aspects of the trip.

The two rangers Chris and Scott (I'm afraid I've forgotten their last names) were excellent - very personable and willing to take time just to talk about the river. We heartily approve of the designated campsite system. The sites were clearly marked, well maintained, and in good condition. We especially enjoyed the placement of some of the latrines! We were also very pleased with the security at Eden Bridge, and I'm writing to the Good Sam Club in Great Falls to thank them for their efforts. Last but not least, the river and surrounding country were beautiful! We couldn't have asked for more.

So, many thanks for all you're doing to make floating the Smith a pleasurable experience. It certainly worked for us.

Sincerely,

Tom Mickewich

Tom Mickewich

Appendix F - 1993 Smith River Log

SMITH RIVER LOG 1993

YEAR TO DATE	DAY OF WEEK	IN RIVER CORRIDOR # OF GROUPS	IN RIVER CORRIDOR # OF FLOATERS	DAILY LAUNCHES TOTAL # OF GROUPS	TOTAL # OF FLOATERS	OUTFITTED # OF GROUPS	OUTFITTED # OF FLOATERS	PRIVATE # OF GROUPS	PRIVATE # OF FLOATERS	ADMINISTRATIVE # OF GROUPS	ADMINISTRATIVE # OF FLOATERS	REGISTERED # OF GROUPS PRE-REG	REGISTERED # OF GROUPS WENT	FLOW IN CFS
				738	3688	49	432	664	3172	25	84	757	696	

MONTHLY SUMMARY

DATE	DAY OF WEEK	IN RIVER CORRIDOR # OF GROUPS	IN RIVER CORRIDOR # OF FLOATERS	DAILY LAUNCHES TOTAL # OF GROUPS	TOTAL # OF FLOATERS	OUTFITTED # OF GROUPS	OUTFITTED # OF FLOATERS	PRIVATE # OF GROUPS	PRIVATE # OF FLOATERS	ADMINISTRATIVE # OF GROUPS	ADMINISTRATIVE # OF FLOATERS	REGISTERED # OF GROUPS PRE-REG	REGISTERED # OF GROUPS WENT	FLOW IN CFS
APRIL TOTALS				25	110	1	8	22	88	2	14	28	23	
APRIL 1	TH			0	0									130
2	F			0	0									123
3	SA			0	0									119
4	SU			0	0									117
5	M			0	0									118
6	TU			0	0									118
7	W			0	0									109
8	TH			0	0									103
9	F	1	2	1	2			1	2			2	1	102
10	SA	1	2	0	0									102
11	SU	1	2	0	0									108
12	M	2	6	1	4			1	4			1	1	117
13	TU	2	6	1	2			1	2			0	1	114
14	W	2	6	0	0							1	0	119
15	TH	3	7	2	5			2	5			2	2	131
16	F	3	7	0	0							3	0	158
17	SA	3	12	1	7			1	7			1	1	168
18	SU	0	0	0	0									151
19	M	2	15	2	15			1	2	1	13	2	2	158
20	TU	3	18	1	3			1	3			2	1	179
21	W	4	22	1	4			1	4			0	1	162
22	TH	4	23	1	3			1	3			1	1	146
23	F	7	39	3	12			3	12			3	2	155
24	SA	6	21	1	2			1	2			1	1	195
25	SU	6	21	0	0							0	0	168
26	M	5	19	2	10			2	10			2	2	150
27	TU	4	14	1	2			1	2			1	1	138
28	W	6	25	2	11			2	11			2	2	125
29	TH	9	50	5	28	1	8	3	19	1	1	4	4	119
30	F	9	50	0	0									125

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MAY TOTALS				165	840	6	49	154	779	5	12	175	159	
MAY 1	SA	12	75	6	27			6	27			6	6	128
2	SU	12	82	1	1					1	1	1	0	127
3	M	8	30	1	2			1	2			2	1	131
4	TU	8	30	0	0							0	0	159
5	W	3	7	0	0							0	0	261
6	TH	7	30	5	26			5	26			7	5	250
7	F	8	42	3	16			3	16			4	3	301
8	SA	12	72	4	28			4	28			3	4	359
9	SU	12	72	0	0							0	0	331
10	M	10	50	4	14			4	14			4	4	298

11	TU	9	30	3	8			3	8			3	3	271
12	W	9	29	2	7			2	7			2	2	273
13	TH	13	68	8	53			7	51	1	2	8	7	314
14	F	17	71	7	34			7	34			8	7	364
15	SA	23	110	8	48			8	48			7	8	439
16	SU	26	125	6	22			6	22			6	6	478
17	M	25	137	9	40			7	34	2	6	8	7	464
18	TU	21	91	4	17	1	10	3	7			6	4	452
19	W	21	86	5	22			5	22			6	5	402
20	TH	24	113	7	37			7	37			6	7	376
21	F	24	122	5	29	1	7	4	22			8	5	390
22	SA	30	182	11	74			11	74			9	11	411
23	SU	29	164	7	26			7	26			8	7	387
24	M	28	162	7	30	1	4	6	26			7	7	346
25	TU	29	129	8	25			8	25			9	8	283
26	W	28	137	5	38	1	11	4	27			6	5	247
27	TH	31	142	8	40			8	40			8	8	247
28	F	34	191	9	77	1	14	7	60	1	3	9	8	239
29	SA	32	196	7	35			7	35			7	7	236
30	SU	34	210	8	43			8	43			8	8	286
31	M	31	185	7	21	1	3	6	18			9	6	288

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JUNE TOTALS				242	1518	28	272	206	1216	8	30	254	233	
JUNE 1	TU	22	94	5	20			5	20			6	5	275
2	W	24	99	8	41	2	15	6	26			8	8	279
3	TH	27	126	7	39			7	39			8	7	254
4	F	26	139	8	45	1	5	7	40			9	8	213
5	SA	28	155	7	36			7	36			7	7	201
6	SU	31	176	10	61	1	7	8	51	1	3	8	9	186
7	M	32	193	10	72	1	11	9	61			9	10	186
8	TU	33	211	8	48	1	7	7	41			9	8	229
9	W	35	233	9	48	2	19	7	29			9	8	233
10	TH	37	232	9	53	1	13	7	39	1	1	8	8	190
11	F	40	252	9	47			9	47			10	9	196
12	SA	34	199	4	24			4	24			8	4	261
13	SU	29	188	7	41			6	39	1	2	8	6	286
14	M	26	167	8	54	1	14	7	40			9	8	241
15	TU	30	224	9	87	2	28	7	59			9	9	223
16	W	33	264	8	66	2	24	6	42			9	8	264
17	TH	38	313	8	62	1	11	7	51			9	8	368
18	F	36	284	9	54			9	54			9	9	378
19	SA	41	323	10	80	1	12	8	53	1	15	9	9	329
20	SU	40	289	8	68	1	10	7	58			8	8	291
21	M	33	201	8	44	1	5	7	39			8	8	271
22	TU	31	197	8	48	2	14	6	34			9	8	254
23	W	33	118	8	49	2	24	5	23	1	2	9	7	247
24	TH	39	247	8	45	1	7	6	36	1	2	9	7	226
25	F	41	270	8	53			8	53			9	8	217
26	SA	38	220	10	42	1	7	8	34	1	1	9	9	190
27	SU	31	192	4	26			4	26			6	4	193
28	M	32	188	10	66	1	5	8	57	1	4	9	9	218
29	TU	35	222	9	45	1	13	8	32			8	9	238
30	W	36	209	8	54	2	21	6	33			9	8	221

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JULY TOTALS				134	642	6	55	122	564	6	23	152	129	
JULY 1	TH	36	230	6	44	1	14	5	30			9	6	200
2	F	39	252	7	48			7	48			9	7	191
3	SA	39	223	6	35			6	35			7	6	222
4	SU	33	210	6	36			6	36			6	6	301
5	M	30	177	6	32			6	32			8	6	313
6	TU	26	153	7	28	1	9	6	19			8	7	301
7	W	25	130	6	36			5	24	1	12	7	6	305
8	TH	28	137	7	31			6	28	1	3	7	6	367
9	F	28	123	8	40	1	2	7	38			8	8	333
10	SA	28	117	6	34			6	34			7	6	333
11	SU	29	129	6	33			5	29	1	4	5	5	324
12	M	21	119	5	25	1	13	4	12			6	5	346
13	TU	20	94	4	19			4	19			2	4	344
14	W	17	81	1	4			1	4			5	1	322
15	TH	18	89	4	23	1	6	3	17			4	4	
16	F	15	70	2	6			2	6			3	2	317
17	SA	9	37	1	3			1	3			3	1	345
18	SU	9	39	3	15			3	15			4	3	
19	M	8	27	1	1			1	1			0	1	330
20	TU	9	33	3	11			3	11			5	3	
21	W	8	30	1	3			1	3			2	1	
22	TH	4	11	1	1					1	1	3	0	
23	F	8	33	5	25	1	11	4	14			6	5	
24	SA	9	35	2	4			2	4			2	2	
25	SU	11	41	4	11			3	10	1	1	4	3	304
26	M	9	42	2	10			1	8	1	2	1	1	335
27	TU	9	38	2	6			2	6			3	2	555
28	W	9	36	6	21			6	21			5	6	531
29	TH	11	38	3	7			3	7			2	3	482
30	F	15	46	6	20			6	20			5	6	434
31	SA	21	78	7	30			7	30			6	7	403

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AUGUST TOTALS				87	286	2	17	83	266	2	3	73	85	
AUGUST 1	SU	18	57	3	10			3	10			5	4	377
2	M	16	49	4	11			3	9	1	2	2	3	356
3	TU	17	49	5	14			5	14			4	5	336
4	W	14	41	2	8			2	8			3	2	317
5	TH	13	38	2	4			2	4			2	2	313
6	F	10	28	2	5			2	5			2	2	320
7	SA	8	25	4	17	1	4	3	13			4	4	306
8	SU	8	28	0	0							1	0	291
9	M	10	52	7	38	1	13	6	25			5	7	271
10	TU	10	48	3	13			3	13			2	3	247
11	W	11	60	3	18			3	18			1	3	215
12	TH	13	50	4	10			4	10			4	4	214
13	F	16	55	4	9			4	9			3	4	210
14	SA	19	60	7	28			7	28			5	7	205
15	SU	14	43	1	2			1	2			0	1	200
16	M	10	27	1	1			1	1			0	1	200
17	TU	8	23	3	10			3	10			3	3	198
18	W	8	24	3	7			3	7			1	3	204
19	TH	10	29	4	11			4	11			2	4	197
20	F	14	35	6	14			6	14			5	6	182
21	SA	15	37	2	4			2	4			2	1	184

22	SU	13	32	4	15			4	15			3	4	292
23	M	7	21	1	2			1	2			1	1	339
24	TU	7	23	2	6			2	6			4	2	288
25	W	6	15	1	2			1	2			0	1	250
26	TH	7	20	2	9			2	9			2	2	233
27	F	10	26	3	6			2	5	1	1	1	2	228
28	SA	8	22	0	0							1	0	225
29	SU	6	18	0	0							3	0	337
30	M	6	18	3	9			3	9			1	3	374
31	TU	5	15	1	3			1	3			1	1	337

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SEPTEMBER TOTALS				69	233	5	21	63	211	1	1	75	67	
SEPT 1	W	5	15	0	0							0	0	314
2	TH	5	14	1	2			1	2			2	1	325
3	F	13	37	9	26			9	26			8	9	310
4	SA	22	63	9	26			8	25	1	1	9	8	281
5	SU	20	59	1	4			1	4			3	1	300
6	M	19	57	3	11	1	7	2	4			4	3	320
7	TU	8	25	2	5			2	5			3	2	301
8	W	9	29	3	8			3	8			4	3	294
9	TH	11	32	4	8			4	8			4	4	282
10	F	15	49	5	20			5	20			3	5	278
11	SA	13	47	2	10			2	10			2	2	271
12	SU	12	37	1	3			1	3			3	1	281
13	M	9	25	2	4	1	2	1	2			0	2	336
14	TU	5	13	0	0							2	0	325
15	W	3	7	1	2			1	2			1	1	318
16	TH	3	6	1	2			1	2			4	1	315
17	F	7	15	4	9			4	9			2	4	306
18	SA	10	37	4	24			4	24			3	4	300
19	SU	9	40	2	10	1	6	1	4			2	2	290
20	M	6	20	0	0							2	0	288
21	TU	5	14	2	4			2	4			2	2	322
22	W	6	20	1	6	1	6					1	1	319
23	TH	6	24	1	4			1	4			0	0	301
24	F	6	27	2	11			2	11			2	2	291
25	SA	7	31	1	4			1	4			2	1	282
26	SU	5	25	0	0							1	0	275
27	M	3	15	0	0							0	0	272
28	TU	0	0	0	0							0	0	263
29	W	3	6	3	6			3	6			1	3	261
30	TH	8	32	5	24	1	2	4	24			5	5	253

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OCTOBER TOTALS				16	59	1	10	14	48	1	1	0	0	
OCTOBER 1	F	9	34	2	4			2	4					247
2	SA	9	34	2	3			1	2	1	1			245
3	SU	8	32	1	10	1	10							243
4	M	3	9	0	0									235
5	TU	1	2	0	0									232
6	W			0	0									229
7	TH	2	9	2	9			2	9					294
8	F	4	15	2	6			2	6					366

9	SA	5	18	1	3			1	3				328
10	SU	6	21	1	3			1	3				319
11	M	5	15	0	0								321
12	TU	3	10	0	0								318
13	W	2	7	0	0								306
14	TH	1	4	0	0								300
15	F	2	12	2	12			2	12				296
16	SA	3	15	1	3			1	3				290
17	SU	3	15	0	0								287
18	M	2	11	0	0								284
19	TU	2	11	0	0								282
20	W	1	8	0	0								279
21	TH	1	3	1	3			1	3				279
22	F	1	3	0	0								270
23	SA	2	6	1	3			1	3				265
24	SU	1	3	0	0								261
25	M			0	0								251
26	TU			0	0								254
27	W			0	0								255
28	TH			0	0								249
29	F			0	0								234
30	SA			0	0								230
31	SU			0	0								240